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AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

NEGRO DELEGATION VISITS PRESIDENT TAFT

IN THE INTEREST OF THE ENTIRE SOUTH

Headed by Hon. Charles Banks of Mississippi—Walter C. Cohen to be Reappointed Register of Land Office at New Orleans.

Special by Thompson's National News Bureau.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 7.—The most significant event of the week in political circles was the visit paid to President Taft on Thursday by a delegation made up of twelve of Mississippi's most substantial business and professional colored men, headed by Mr. Charles Banks, cashier of prominently identified for many years with the political and commercial affairs of the State. In company with Mr. Banks were the following well-known gentlemen: Isaiah T. Montgomery, founder of the town of Mound Bayou, extensive cotton planter, and president of the Mound Bayou Oil the Mound Bayou Savings Bank, and Mill Company, capitalized at $100,000; A. A. Cosey, secretary of the same enterprise; J. H. Oliver, principal of the public school at Clarksdale; W. E. Mollison, attorney-at-law and president of the Lincoln Savings Bank at Vicksburg; J. W. Strauther, president of the Delta Savings Bank at Greenville; J. C. Chappelle, editor of the Leita Lighthouse, of Greenville; P. W. Howard, attorney-at-law, of Jackson; W. W. Cox, of Indianola, and Westey Crayton, of Vicksburg, both engaged in business; W. A. Attaway, attorney-at-law, of Greenville, and T. J. Wilson, of Meridian, treasurer of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Mississippi, an organization embracing 14,000 members and disbursing annually over $200,000 in benefits and expenses.

These men, backed by credentials from their fellow-citizens, came to Washington, traveling in a special Pullman, paid for out of their own pockets—the trip representing a cash outlay of not less than $1,500—to take up with the President in person a number of issues regarded by them as of vital importance to the Negro people of Mississippi and the South. The address delivered by Chairman Banks was exceedingly well tempered, and stated the whole case in a few words. According to Mr. Banks's declaration, the colored people had full confidence in the friendship of the President. They were pleased with the tenor of his inaugural address, wherein he disavowed the possession of the slightest feeling of race prejudice and expressed a determination to administer his office in the interest of the whole people. They wished to live in harmony with their white neighbors in Mississippi, and to co-operate with them in all matters looking to the general uplift of the State. It was their sincere wish to hold up the hands of the President, and to sustain his progressive policies in every way that lay in their power. Further, however, they were anxious to carry home an assurance that the colored people of Mississippi would be given a just share in the administration of federal affairs, and would not be debarred from the privileges that had been heretofore accorded them when the Republican party was in power at Washington. In short, Mr. Banks's party wanted to stand by the Taft administration—as had been the case from the beginning; they wanted to have the respect and good will of the best whites of their section; and, at the same time, they wanted a "square deal" for the loyal Negroes, who had sturdily borne the Republican banner in season and out of season, with little hope of reward save their consciousness of right-doing. It was also developed that not one member of the party was an applicant for an office within the gift of the administration; that few, if any, could afford to neglect their lucrative business operations to accept any position that might be tendered them. They came to serve no selfish end; they came to ask the assistance of the President to bring about the success of the three-fold mission outlined in the succinct memorandum presented by Chairman Banks.

The reply of the President was brief, but remarkably to the point. It was stated to your correspondent that Mr. Taft expressed himself as being pleased with their evidences of approval of his uettrances, and with their hearty extension of sympathy and support. A lengthy discussion was impossible at the time, but the assurance was given freely and without reservation that nothing would be done during his stay in the White House that would work to the ultimate detriment of the Negroes in any section of the country, North, South, East or West. All questions pertaining to the colored people would be given due consideration as they came up, and he felt that the solution would be in keeping with the spirit of justice and proper regard for the welfare of all concerned. He would be heard from in a more definite form later.

Chairman Banks and party seemed greatly encouraged over the result of the interview, but preferred not to give out any statement for publication until the President had an opportunity to speak upon the subject.

Mr. Charles Banks is a man of great force of character—a political and commercial field marshal. He knows not the meaning of defeat. He enjoys the confidence and respect of both races in Mississippi, and his judgment as to men and measures is rarely disputed. He is the first vice-president of the National Negro Business League, the natural leader of the business activities of the race in his State, and is looked upon all over the land as Booker T. Washington's right-hand man in directing the executive work of the national organization. Through his efforts Mississippi has the banner State Business League, and its annual sessions attract attention from ocean to ocean. The epoch-making tour of Dr. Washington through the State last fall was conceived and carried on to success entirely by the energy and resourcefulness of Mr. Banks. Mr. Banks was one of the "original Taft men," and voted for the genial Ohioan in the Chicago convention. He was a member of the committee designated by the convention to notify the Hon. James S. Sherman of his nomination for Vice-President of the United States, and visited the home of the latter at Utica in the discharge of his duty. The visit last week to the White House will bear fruit, and Mr. Banks will continue to wield his wonted large degree of influence in the management of Mississippi's multifarious interests.

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Mr. Walter C. Cohen will be reappointed Register of the Land Office at New Orleans, La. This very gratifying bit of news came directly from President Taft in the course of an interview at the White House with a party of Louisianians, who called shortly after the Mississippi visitation.

Mr. Cohen's term has practically expired, and this plain declaration sets at rest any doubts that may have existed in Mr. Cohen's mind, and puts a decided crimp in the prophecies of the Jeremiahs who have said that it would be the policy of President Taft to eliminate the Negro as an office-holder in all the States of the South. It will be remembered that Mr. Cohen at the Chicago convention again gave battle to the "lily-white" Republican organization in his State, and, pending a settlement of the issues dividing the contestants, the Cohen "black-and-tans" and the "lilies" were given half a vote each. The reorganization then proposed has never taken place, and Mr. Cohen's mission in Washington was to see that the opposition did not secure the ear of the President and attempt to dictate the appointments before the difficulties could be satisfactorily adjusted. Mr. Cohen and Mr. Emile Kuntz talked also to Postmaster-General Hitchcock, and while the problem will not be easy of solution, the announcement that Mr. Cohen is to "stay put" can be taken as a positive indication that no surrender is to be made by the national authorities to the dictum of the Louisiana "lily-whites."

The political atmosphere is taking on a brighter hue for the Negro political leaders below the Mason and Dixon's line as a result of the visits of the Banks and Cohen ambassadors of "peace with honor."

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It is the present understanding that the commission appointed to investigate condition in Liberia will sail Saturday from Hampton Roads or New York in a government war vessel, proceeding directly to Monrovia. The party will include Commissioners Emmett J. Scott, W. Morgan Schuster and a third commissioner whose identity your correspondent is not permitted to disclose until the announcement is officially promulgated by the State Department. Besides these, there will be a secretary, who will also act as disbursing officer, two detailed naval officers, a physician, and the regular ship's crew. As a precaution against the African fever, the party will live on the gunboat, proceeding to the mainland for duty each day and returning to the vessel at night. Mr. Scott is still in charge of the office here, assisted by a stenographer. His friends are hopeful that he may be chosen as chairman of the commission, because of his exceptional fitness to conduct the investigation along lines that will bring out the points most likely to be of practical benefit to the Negro people. His experience in the industrial work at Tuskegee and in close contact with the masses in the South's Black Belt will stand him in excellent stead while carrying out this uplifting mission among the denizens of the African Republic. Mr. Scott's host of Washington friends are planning to dine him on an elaborate scale before he takes his leave of these shores.

News Notes of the Nation's Capital.

Mrs. Mary Church Terrell is on a successful lecture tour of Florida.

Lawyer Thomas L. Jones grows in strength as a favorite for judge of the District Police Court. At the proper time his friends will bring his merits to the attention of the President.

Dr. A. M. Curtis is preparing to pay his annual visit to the South. His itinerary will include a "look-in" upon the sessions of the Alabama State Medical Association, which meets shortly at Selma, and a stop will be made at Tuskegee Institute.

Dr. John R. Francis has been appointed as a member of the Board of Children's Guardians, succeeding Mr. John F. Cook. Dr. Francis was formerly surgeon-in-chief of Freedman's Hospital, and is one of the leading physicians and race workers in the country. He will add strength to the body.

Word comes that Mr. William H. Buckner, of Columbus, Ohio, an "original Taft man," is being groomed for an important position under the national administration. Mr. Buckner has been secretary of the Grand Lodge of Free Masons of Ohio for seventeen years, and is said to be endorsed by Hon. Arthur I. Vorys and State Chairman Henry A. Williams.

Mr. Ralph W. Tyler, Auditor for the Navy Department, goes to his home in Columbus, Ohio, next week. On the evening of the 13th he will attend the golden anniversary of his father and mother's marriage, and on the next night he will be the guest of honor at a banquet of state proportions tendered by his many Buckeye friends, who are proud of the great success he is achieving at the Nation's capital.

The Negro Business League Herald, with W. Sidney Pittman, R. L. Pendleton and George F. Collins as sponsors, will make its appearance as a monthly magazine this week. It will exploit the colored business idea in this community, and arouse interest in the work of the local Business League. It is strongly endorsed by Dr. Booker T. Washington.

The speeches of Hon. William Howard Taft, delivered before and after his nomination and election as President of the United States, compiled by Ralph W. Tyler, have been issued in neat pamphlet form, and are being circulated throughout the country. The demand for them is unexpected heavy. Five thousand have been printed, and a new edition may be necessary. The typographical work, which is especially praiseworthy, was done in the office of the A. M. E. Sunday-school Union at Nashville, Tenn., under the personal supervision of Mr. Ira T. Bryant. Write to Mr. Tyler for a copy.

Oliver M. Randolph, of Mississippi, who resigned a clerkship in the government service last spring to take active charge of the literary bureau of the Foraker National League, has been reinstated and assigned to a $900 berth in the office of the Auditor for the Navy Department. Mr. Randolph is a graduate of the law department of Howard University, and is a young man of more than usual ability intellectually and as a platform speaker. For some weeks he has been publishing a sprightly paper called The Washington American.

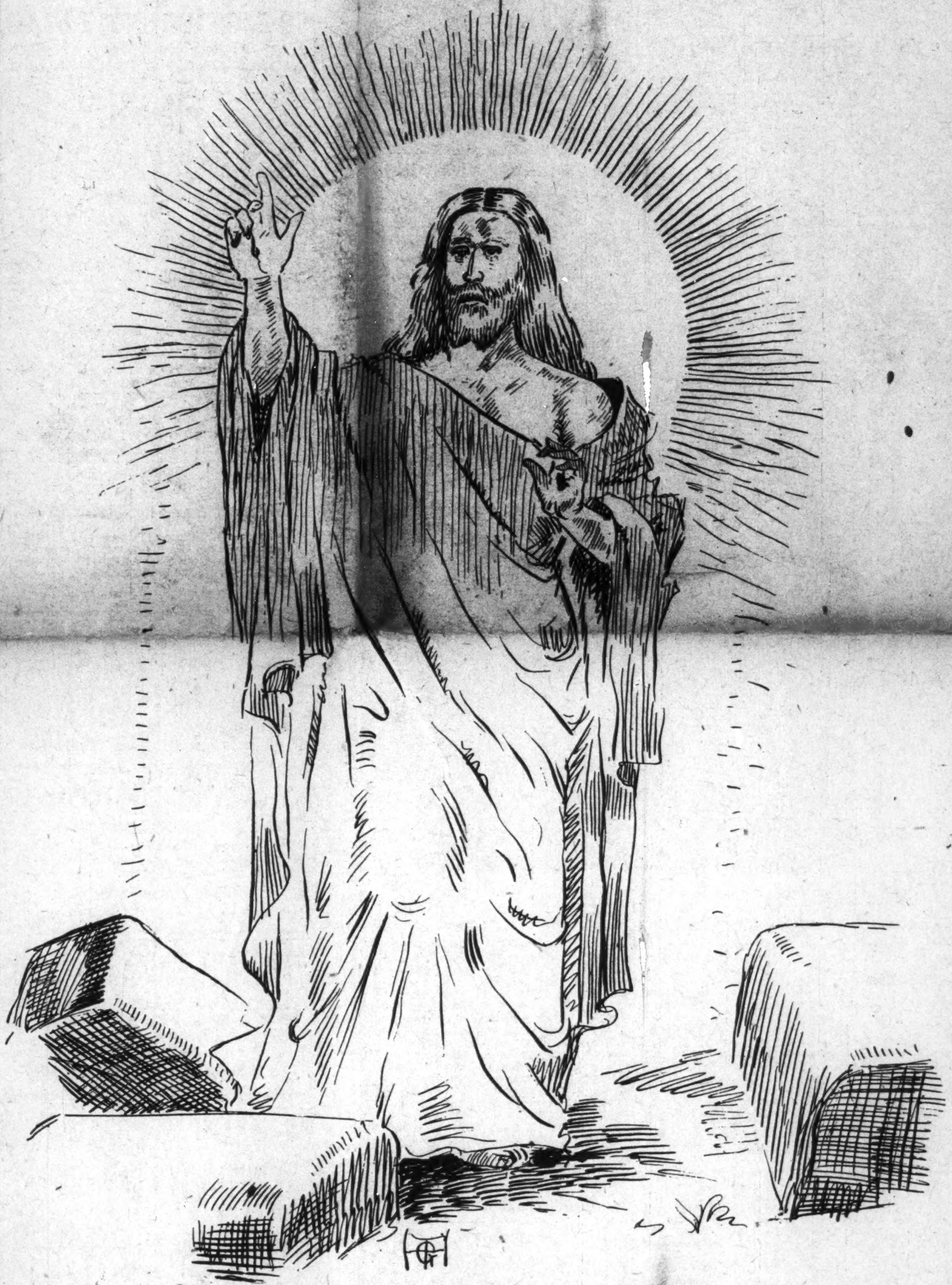
John C. Dancy, Recorder of Deeds, delivered an inspiring address last Sunday afternoon before a crowded house at True Reformers' Hall, under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. Mr. Dancy's subject was "The Need of the Hour," and his showing of the prime necessity for a Christian manhood—a practical, workable, every-day religion that makes the world better and brighter—evoked much enthusiasm. His tributes to Frederick Douglass, Joseph C. Price and Booker T. Washington were warmly applauded; the latter being greeted by a hand-clapping that was long and continued. Next Sunday will be "ladies' day," and a fine program has been prepared for the occasion. Among the participants are Mrs. Bettie G. Francis, Mr. Richard B. Harrison, Mrs. Carriew W. Clifford, Miss Lottie Wallace and others. Subscriptions are coming in at a lively rate, and the new building is going up in promising fashion.

Two brilliant musical events are scheduled for this week. To-night Mrs. Mattie Allan McAdoo, fresh from a series of triumphs in Boston, will give one of her charming song recitals at the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, assisted by the Armstrong Technical High School Glee Club and other local talent. Friday evening the famous Philippine Constabulary Band will appear at Convention Hall, and the director, Prof. Walter H. Loving, will be given a testimonial reception. The full band of eighty-five pieces will render a select program, and the Coleridge-Taylor Choral Society, 150 voices, will present several choice numbers. On the same evening the freshman class of the School of Liberal Arts of Howard University will give an interpretation of Oliver Goldsmith's classic comedy, "She Stoops to Conquer." The production will be given in Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel.

It is asserted upon good authority that the "Black Cabinet" is a fixture. No changes are contemplated in the near future.

R. W. THOMPSON.

THE FIRST EASTER MORN.



I Am the Resurrection and the Life.

BOONVILLE, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Mary Mahone and Mrs. Nora Bowman, of Evansville, spent Sunday in this city....Robert Belay has arrived home from Indianapolis....Prof. C. H. Morpin spent the spring vacation in Evansville. ....Fred Simmons was in Evansville Sunday....W. W. Loving and family hastened to Newburg last Saturday to be by the bedside of his sick father....Miss Agnes Morpin was absent from school Monday on account of sickness....Susie Griffith is on the sick list....Ben Simmons is convalescent....Prof. Daniel Cunningham is improving his home, corner East Walnut and Seventh streets....The revival at the Baptist Church has done much good. The pastor, Rev. J. C. Graves, is aided by Rev. R. Boyd, of Hopkinsville....The ladies' aid of the Baptist Church met on the afternoon of April 1. After disposing of church matters, luncheon was served. Mrs. Mattie Green, assisted by Mrs. Eva Green, was hostess....The M. E. ladies meet at their church every Thursday afternoon....Rev. H. M. Carroll, former pastor of the M. E. Church, was appointed pastor to the Scott Street Church, Chicago. The work he did here is worthy of the highest praise.... Rev. I. F. White was directed to take charge of the M. E. Church of this city Rockport and Newburg....Resurrection services at both churches Sunday. Eggs will be given away at the Sunday-schools. ....Your home is not complete without a FREEMAN. Get one at Griffith's barber shop.

LOGANSPORT, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Little Claudie Parker, who has been very ill, is somewhat improved....Mr. Gurley Brewer, of Indianapolis, was in the city for a few hours Monday....Mrs. G. C. King is able to be out, after a week's illness....Little Dorothea Johnston continues to improve, and will soon be able to sit up....Dr. Ford is here from Columbus, O., to stay a few days....The W. M. M. Society met with Mrs. C. S. Jones, in Washington street, last Friday, and had a very pleasant meeting. Mrs. Jones and daughter, Miss Janet, also served light refreshments to the guests. ....Mrs. Emma Hall and son left Tuesday evening for their home in Crawfordsville....Mrs. Eva Calloway and son, Mrs. Cora Manuel, of South Bend, Mr. Hiram Harrison, of Laporte, Ind., and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Harrison and Miss Marie Underwood, of Chicago, were here last Thursday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Lucy Harrison....Mrs. John Parker and daughter Ida left Tuesday morning for Buchanan, Mich., on business....Mrs. Ora Bradley and Miss Mayme Foust, of Kokomo, spent last Friday in the city, the guests of Mrs. Albert Ackers....Rev. J. S. Robinson, of Indianapolis, gave a very pleasing temperance talk to quite a large audience of our race at the courthouse, Sunday evening....Mrs. Pen Winslow came over from Kokomo, last Thursday, to attend Mrs. L. Harrison's funeral.... Club No. 2 will give an egg-breaking and other features at their social Monday following Easter, in the lecture room of the church. Everybody gladly welcome.

QUINCY, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Prof. A. C. Cruggs and wife, of Chicago, Ill., are in the city on business....Mrs. S. B. Golden entertained Capt. R. A. Byrd, of Springfield, Ill., Prof. A. E. Malone and S. H. Shumaker Sunday at lunch....Mrs. Kate Wheeler died last week....Mrs. Watts, of Springfield, Ill., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. F. Johnson....Mr. Toliver Robinson is improving at present writing....Mrs. F. G. Monday's local company will present "The Haymakers" at the Soldiers' Home....Those who came home to vote from Springfield, Ill., were I. L. Gordon, Capt. R. A. Byrd, Thomas Jackson, John Perkins and Colonel McDoughle. ....The Sunday-School and Culture Club will render an Easter program Sunday.

MINEOLA, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Mineola Compress was destroyed by fire last Saturday, and a number of other houses. A large number of men worked at the fire and saved a great deal of property. There was a large number of bales of cotton burned.

EVENTS AT LOUISVILLE

INTEREST GROWING IN THE BUSINESS LEAGUE

MONEY RAISED FOR THE SANITARIUM

Through the Efforts of Misses Burroughs and Frye at Mass Meeting—New Club Rooms to be Opened—Society Notes.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Business and industrial uplift was the tenor of discussions at the Young Men's Business Club, which met at Haley & Hester's tailor shop, 444 Eighth street, recently. Twenty-five young men who are engaged in business were present and pledged themselves to do what they could to further the interests of members of the race who are engaged in some business enterprise.

It became the sentiment of the club to encourage the spirit of business and industrious activity. Every member present spoke with force and vigor when called upon to endorse the declaration of principles, which are as follows:

"First. We shall not, in our organic capacity, launch any business enterprise.

"Second. We shall, however, devote our energies to the molding of sentiment in favor of a more generous support of all kinds of business now being conducted by our people.

"Third. We shall call the attention of the masses of our people to the fact that by giving their patronage to members of their own race who are in business, they will not only gain commercial prestige, but will make it possible for merchants and other business men to employ our boys and girls who are coming out of schools, and have no avenues open to them.

"Fourth. The members of this club shall, as far as possible, help the colored merchants by calling attention privately to criticisms from the public that may tend to affect their patronage. We realize that very often we are criticised for not having the quality of goods, or not competing in price with other business concerns, or discourtesies and indifferences that drive many away. We shall guard the interests of merchants, and urge the forty-five thousand people of our own race that must have food, clothing, coal, drugs, notions, shoes, hats, etc., to remember that just in proportion as they purchase their supplies from their own concern, in this same proportion will these concerns grow and become of service to them by giving more members of the race employment."

The declaration of principles were presented by Cary B. Lewis, and Attorney W. L. Ricks moved the adoption of the same, which were carried unanimously. W. L. Offutt spoke on "Real Estate," and he was followed by a short talk from every member. A constitution and by-laws committee was appointed, to report at the next meeting, which will occur April 5, at which time Mr. Ricks will speak on "Getting Together." A Negro Business Directory will be gotten out by the club, and the declaration of principles will be printed in a most conspicuous part of the publication.

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Dr. Witherspoon, who has been out of the city for several months, has returned to the city for a short visit. The doctor has been in Chicago and other points West.

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The many friends of Misses Ada Morris and Lillian Crutchfield, of this city, are glad to learn that they have been appointed as teachers in the kindergarten at Indianapolis, Ind.

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A fine, bouncing baby boy, weighing nine pounds, was born to Mr. and Mrs. James Tate, of Maple street. Mrs. Tate is at the Red Cross Sanitarium, and both mother and babe are doing nicely.

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Mr. Hunley Goodall, one of the most brilliant young men in the city, and a graduate of the Central Law School, has been appointed to act in the capacity of revenue agent at one of the distilleries, under the direction of the government.

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Miss Vivian Harsh, one of the most prominent young girls of Chicago, Ill., will visit Mrs. Myra Fitzbutler Denison, of 1110 West Madison street. Mrs. Denison has planned a number of social functions in honor of Miss Harsh.

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The Rev. C. B. Allen has returned from Danville, Ky., where he has been to represent his church at the Lincoln Presbytery. The Rev. J. A. Bolden and John Frierson were elected to attend the General Assembly of Presbyterians at Denver this summer.

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Dr. James Bond, of Berea Institute fame, was in the city and spent a few days at the Young Men's Christian Association. He stated that some of the colored people are still contributing to the new Lincoln Institute, which it is claimed will be located near this city.

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At a recent mass meeting at the Green Street Baptist Church, Misses Nannie H. Burroughs and Nellie Frye succeeded in raising $850 for the Red Cross Sanitarium. They certainly had a good meeting. They wish to thank the public for their liberal contributions on that occasion.

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Debating clubs have been revived at the Central High School, and Prof. John T. Clark is the professor at the helm. Through him a Douglass Literary Society has been formed, and on every Monday the freshman class renders a literary program and discusses various popular subjects.

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Miss India Harris, of 1120 West Green street, has returned from a trip to Memphis, Tenn., where she visited her mother. On her return Miss Harris became very ill on the train, and has been confined to her home since the first of las week. She is reported to be resting quietly at this writing.

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From all indications, the Episcopal

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Women and Their Interests

By "DOROTHY."

UNDER THE YOKE.

I can not wear the old clothes
I wore last spring, alack!
Because my waistband now has crept
Quite half-way up my back!
And as for sleeves, more dolorous
Than ever is my song—
Whereas they have been full and short,
To-day they're small and long!

E'en one's anatomy is not
Exempt from sudden change;
We take on flesh, or cast it off,
In manner passing strange!
Dame Fashion says: "You must be fat,
Or svelte, or quaintly lean,
More Botticelli-like—" and lo!
No other type is seen!

Oh, Mother Eve, why did not you
Withstand the siren's wiles?
Then we, your daughters, had not known
This curse of varying styles!

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK.

Put up with fools, for the malice of a fool can do more harm.

Do not be ashamed of your occupation. If it soils your hands, wash them; if it soils your character, let it alone.

It is no use trying to make a friend of a person whose good sense you frequently question, no matter how amiable he may be.

If the heart be not in the work, nothing can be accomplished, for the heart is the inspiration of really every successful achievement.

Do not speak evil of the woman who knows more than you and holds an enviable position. It is not her fault that you are a failure.

BEHAVIOR IN PUBLIC PLACES.

In most every particular "women are the power behind the throne." They are responsible for the actions of their children until they reach a mature age. They are also responsible for themselves. It is shocking to see how very bad so many of our women can conduct themselves. Whether it is from thoughtlessness or ignorance, one does not know; however, we are inclined to think it is thoughtlessness, but even that is an exceedingly poor excuse.

To entertain the passengers of a car with your business, by carrying on a conversation with a friend who is seated, perhaps, in the extreme other end of the car, shows that your rearing has been sadly neglected. If you do not attend church to enjoy the services, no doubt there are others who do. Gossip, if you must, at some other time. The dress and hat of some one else should not come between you and the service. The worst behavior, however, does not always come from the pews. There are members of choirs who deport themselves in a most ridiculous fashion. It looks much out of place. Of course, you are not expected to be a "statue," but when one's behavior becomes noticeable on account of its rankness, then it is time to make a change and an improvement.

CONFIDENTIAL TALKS GOOD FOR WOMEN.

The Colored Young Men's Christian Association of Indianapolis is holding a series of Sunday afternoon meetings during this month at its rooms, at which time confidential talks are given to men by the leading physicians of the city. The subjects discussed pertain to venereal diseases. Authority says that the great injury, both physically and morally, that is being wrought among the human family, due in a large measure to the ravages of venereal diseases, is certainly alarming.

The saem thing would be good for the women, would it not? since they are wives and mothers. It would be a step in the right direction if a club, or a number of women, would arrange to have confidential talks given them at stated times by some reputable physician. A small assessment from each individual would compensate the lecturer for his time.

GIVEN $400 DAMAGES.

Nannie A. Jones, of Wichita, Kans., has been awarded $400 damages. A suit was brought by her against the Wichita Amusement Park Company on the grounds that the company refused her admittance to the Wonderland Park because she was a Negro.

BUSINESS WOMEN AT MOUND BAYOU, MISS.

About twenty-five seamstresses, three trained nurses who enjoy lucrative practices, one milliner, two stenographers, constitute the skilled workers among the colored women of Mound Bayou.

FAT AND THIN WOMEN.

It is only human nature that we should wish to be just the opposite to which we are, or to have what we have not. It is said that "a fleshy woman can not be intellectual, and at least never looks the part. There is something good-natured and sort of easy-going about fleshy people, and they are generally too lazy to cut much of a dash in the world. A woman who reads and thinks and works becomes thin." The possessor of this opinion happens to be brilliant, and she knows it. If she were fat, her opinion, perhaps, would be different. But if the amount of flesh determines your ability, which would you rather look, fat and good-natured and happy, or thin and intellectual and irritable?

ST. PAUL (MINN.) CLUB NOTES.

Mrs. Belle Graves, wife of Rev. Horace S. Graves, pastor of St. James A. M. E. Church, has been an active workers in our city for the last three years. She came with that spirit of work that makes those that come in contact with her get the spirit of church work. She is president of the

MRS. BELLE GRAVES

Miss Elizabeth La Rue was the only colored girl in a class of over fifty to graduate from Hamline University.

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The ladies of St. James A. M. E. Church have organized The King's Daughters, a charity club which promises to do great work in that particular line.

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Mrs. Lillian A. Turner is accomplishing great work in the juvenile courts. She has rescued several young colored girls and placed them in good homes.

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Miss Grace St. Clair is making great strides along culinary lines. She has been one of the head cake bakers in Michaud Brothers' store for several years, at a very good salary.

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Mrs. Addie Crawford Minor, our accomplished singer and music teacher, is kept quite busy. Aside from having a large number of scholars, she has been the successful director of Pilgrim Baptist Church choir, one of the best choirs in the city.

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Iowa Conference Branch Missionary Society, and is now a member of one of the Press Leagues of Chicago. She held the national chairmanship of Forestry in the N. A. C. W. Clubs for two terms, and is an ex-president of the Iowa State Federation, and State Organizer.

The Fleur de Lis Club of Topeka, Kan., is studying the life of Bunyan.

Olivia Richardson, of St. Louis, well known as a member of the editorial staff of the Palladium, has resigned her position, and is now a teacher in the public schools of that city.

Mrs. Menninger, at Topeka, Kan., has a Bible class composed of young women. Much interest is manifested, and a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures is the result of her work.

THE JIM CROW LAW.

By Mrs. J. G. McPherson.

It has not often revealed itself to me why it is we, as the colored race of people, have to pay first-class fare and then can not receive first-class acocmmodation. We pay the same fare that the other fellow pays, and then we have to be pushed off in a little old, dirty, filthy smoking car, called the Jim Crow car. I, while traveling through the States of Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia, was compelled to take note of these things: first, the dirty smoking car, second, the size of it, given to accommodate all the colored passengers, it matters little whether the number of them be great or small.

And is not this a fact worthy of our due consideration as a race? As it has once been said, we care not for sociability, for it would be far better if less sociability and more rights be granted us as a race.

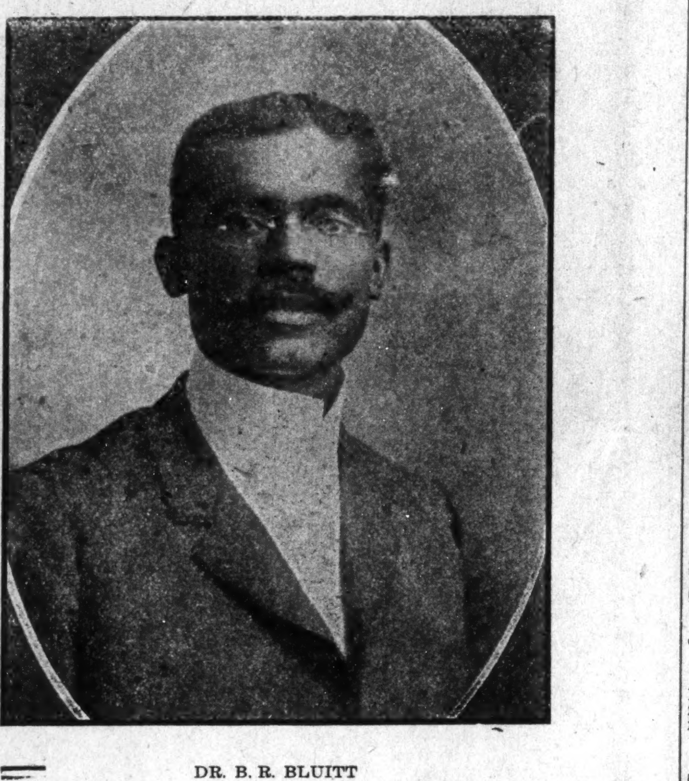
Again, I was forced to take notice of the contentment of the colored passengers while in the car. We make ourselves too well content when we are letting the other fellow take from us that which is due us. I, for one, think we colored people should have a nice, decent car to ride in as well as the white people. When we are compelled to pay the same fare, then why should we not be compelled to have the same treatment? Let us as a race take this one though in mind and give it due consideration.

DR. BLUITT'S SANITARIUM.

Dr. B. R. Bluitt's Sanitarium was established in Dallas, Texas, June 1, 1905. This institution now occupies a very conspicuous place in that section of the country, being the only institution of its kind in Texas where colored people are admitted and receive treatment without embarrassment.

Owing to the peculiar racial feeling which exists throughout the South, it is surprising to note the phenomenal success with which this institution is meeting.

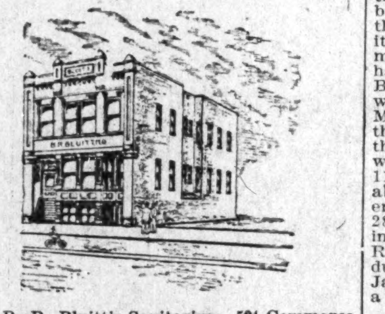
The founder of this institution is a native Texan, receiving his education at Tilloston College, which is located at Austin, Texas, and Wiley University, at Marshall Texas. From the latter he left in 1886 to enter Meharry Medical College, at Nashville, Teen., graduating from the institution in 1888 with class honors. He began the practice of medicine in Dallas, Texas, April 8 of the same year. As a practitioner of medicine but few men are his equals. Within the last ten years he has devoted his entire time to the study of surgery, and is regarded by men who are capable of judging as one of the leading surgeons in the country. During his five years of continuous operating in the Sanitarium, he has gotten the best percentage of recoveries of any institution in that city. The institution is owned, controlled and managed by him. He has taken post-graduate courses in New York, Chicago and Philadelphia.



DR. B. R. BLUITT

Financially, the Doctor has been a success, owning valuable real estate on some of the most prominent streets in the city. His Sanitarium is valued at $30,000. He has just completed a magnificent residence at the cost of $10,000, besides other valuable realty holdings and a deal of personal property.

What has been done by him in twenty-one years demonstrates clearly what colored men of the South may do by applying themselves diligently to business.



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He feels under many obligations to that most noted and distinguished surgeon, Dr. Daniel H. Williams, of Chicago. Dr. Williams has visited the Bluitt Sanitarium by special invitation on two occasions. His visits were inspiring, and did a great deal in helping to lay a braod foundation for the work which is now being done by Dr. Bluitt and his associates.

The local physicians, though pessimistic at first as to the possibility of an institution of its kind for colored people, have all practically fallen in line, and are sending their patients to be operated upon. Too much cannot be said in praise for the efficiency and general assistance rendered by Drs. Hamilton and Bryan, as well as other physicians of the city.

ORANGEBURG, S. C.

Special to The Freeman.

Mrs. Cardoza and family have moved to Boston. It is regretted by her many friends...Claflin University has had their chapel painted and it is very pretty...Miss Maggie Miller and her mother have gone to Charleston on business...The K. of P. turned out last Sunday night and a large crowd was present. Rev. C. H. Ugganis preached a sermon that was enjoyed by all.

OLD WORLD NEWS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Unscrupulous Europeans in the Cape Colony do a thriving trade in selling rifles and ammunition to Basutoland natives, says a report issued to-day. The general plan is for them to buy rifles at about $7 each in the Cape Colony, and then to employ native runners to exchange or sell them in Basutoland. The usual price the natives pay for a rifle is $75—or a horse of equivalent value.

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A correspondent writes that on the morning of February 25, between 5 and 6 o'clock, a heavy shower of black rain fell in the district of Portadown, Armagh, Ireland. There was intense darkness during the shower, and after it water tanks looked as though coal had been stirred into them. The rivers presented a similar appearance. It is thought to be not unlikely that the shower was produced by the smoke from the English manufacturing districts, carried across the Irish Sea and deposited in the locality.

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It is a very interesting illustration of the new spirit awakening in China that the native government have just opened a hospital for women in Tien-tsin which is to be entirely managed and officered by women. A Chinese woman, Dr. Kin by name, who has received a complete medical education in America, has been placed at the head, and the government have just appointed an English medical woman, Dr. Lillie Saville, to co-operate with her. Dr. Saville, who has had long experience of work in China in connection with the London Mission, left London on Saturday, and will travel overland, through Siberia.

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The weekly statement by the Local Government Board of the number of persons in receipt of relief shows that on Saturday, February 27, there were 133,010 paupers in London, or 3, 923 more than the total for the corresponding day of February, 1908.

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Miss Burstall, an English lady who has been traveling in America studying the public school system in various cities, has just published in London a very interesting book. Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, Washington and St. Louis furnish abundant material for personal investigation, and these centers, with two or three institutions in Wisconsin and Michigan, constitute Miss Burstall's field of observation. It is ample for her purpose, but the limitation has led her into some dubious generalizations, as, for instance, the statement that "boys and girls are not wanted in American industries until sixteen or eighteen years of age." That cannot be reconciled with the facts revealed by the last census, which returned 283,869 boys and girls from ten to fifteen years of age employed in "manufacturing and mechanical pursuits," being an increase of 150,000 in twenty years.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Special to The Freeman.

Hereafter the Sunday Forum will meet twice each month at 3 p. m., every second Sunday at St. Peters' A. M. E. Church, every fourth Sunday at Bethesda Baptist Church. A fine program of literary and musical numbers will be given at each meeting....The Freeman can be secured in this city from James Wilson, 2818 Chicago avenue, each week....Six members of the Williams and Walker Chocolate Drops Company, headed by King and Bailey, were in this city the week of the 21st, appearing at the Unique Theater. They were greeted with large audiences at each performance....The first appearance of the Choral Study Club will be at Bethesda Baptist Church, Sunday evening, April 4, 1909, under the direction of W. E. Jeffrey. This club has just recently organized....Mrs. Ruth B. Ridges will speak on "The Resurrection" at Bethesda Church on Easter evening, April 11, at 8 o'clock. Special music will be had, under the direction of W. C. Jeffrey.....Gipsy Smith, the great evangelist, will be in this city some time in April....The Boys' Literary and Athletic Club is preparing to have a mock trial in the near future.

MERIDIAN, MISS.

Special to The Freeman.

The K. of P. lodges Nos. 16 and 22 and the Court of Calantha had their Thanksgiving sermon preached at El Bethal Baptist Church, Sunday, March 28, at 4 p. m., by Rev. J. B. Branam, the new pastor of this church. The church was crwoded to its utmost capacity. Rev. W. W. Lucas made a few remarks...Rev. J. T. Davis has ben conducting a revival at Union Baptist Church the past week, it being well attended at each service...Dr. and Mrs. L. R. Young have the sympathy of the community of Meridian in the death of their little daughter, Mildred Lamonia, who died on March 27, at theih home on 11th street and 27th avenue. She was about a year and a half old. The funeral was attended Sunday evening, April 28, at 4 p. m., Rev. S. A. Rivers officiating. Interment at the Masonic Cemetery. Rev. Dr. H. H. Buckenham has been conducting a very successful revival at St. James A. M. E. Church, West End. Quite a number have united with the church.

CLEVES, OHIO.

Special to The Freeman.

Communication has ben received from Mr. William Thompson, Jr., who some years ago enlisted in the Volunteer Service and later joined the Regular Army, is reported doing well and living in Manilla City. Mr. Thompson is clerk of the garrison...Mr. William Thompson, Sr., attended the reception given at J. W. Gaines Saturday evening in Lekitan...Miss Carrie Curtly was a business visitor in the city Saturday...The members of the Methodist Church will give a concert soon...Mr. Robert Bruce is having much success as superintendent of the Sabbath school.

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(CONTINUED.)

With happy tears welling up in her eyes, Echo said: "I do thank them. I do, I do. I can't tell how delighted I am. I can't say how much this means to me. Oh, I thank you! I say it once, but I feel it a thousand times." She seized each of the boys by the hand and shook it heartily.

"Would you like to have another selection?" asked Fresno, relieving the tension of the situation.

"No!" shouted the punchers unanimously. Fresno looked very much crestfallen since he considered that he had made a deep impression by his first effort.

"Mrs. Payson's goin' to hit us out a tune," announced Sagebrush.

Echo seated herself at the piano. Jack leaned against the instrument, gazing fondly into her eyes as she raised her face, radiant with happiness. Allen had taken possession of the best rocking chair. Mrs. Allen sat at the table, and the boys ranged themselves about the room. Their faces reflected gratification. They watched Echo expectantly.

Echo played the opening bars of "The Old Folks at Home." Before she sang Fresno, holding up his right index finger, remarked to no one in particular, "I washed that finger."

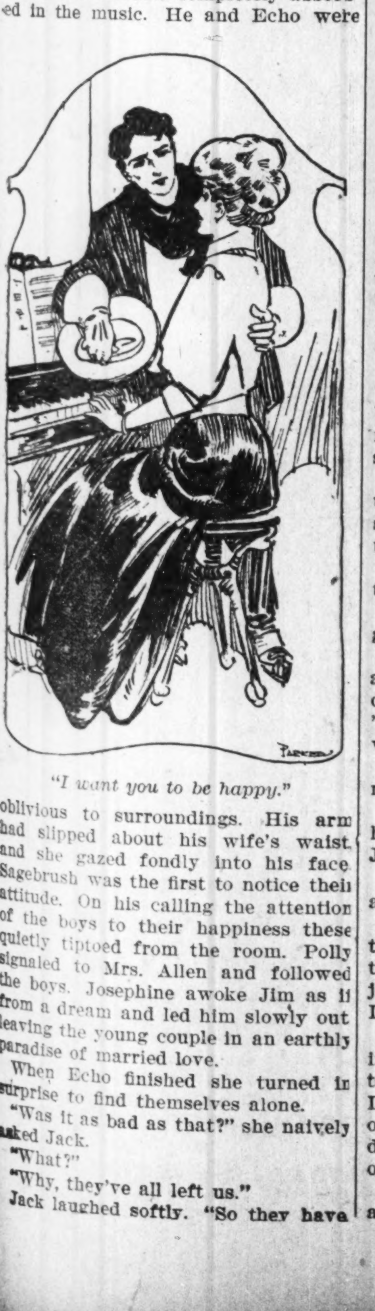
The singing deeply affected her little audience. Echo had a sweet, natural voice. She threw her whole soul into the old ballad. She was so happy she felt like singing, not lively airs, but songs about home. Her new home had become so dear to her at that moment.

Mrs. Allen, as usual, began to cry. Polly soon followed her example. There were tears even in the eyes of some of the punchers, although they blinked vigorously to keep them back.

When she repeated the chorus Sagebrush said to Fresno, "Ain't that great?"

That worthy, however, with the jealousy of an artist and to hide his own deeply moved sensibilities, replied, "That ain't so much."

Jack had become completely absorbed in the music. He and Echo were oblivious to surroundings. His arm had slipped about his wife's waist and she gazed fondly into his face. Sagebrush was the first to notice their attitude. On his calling the attention of the boys to their happiness these quietly tiptoed from the room. Polly signaled to Mrs. Allen and followed the boys. Josephine awoke Jim as if from a dream and led him slowly out leaving the young couple in an earthly paradise of married love.



"I want you to be happy."

When Echo finished she turned in surprise to find themselves alone.

"Was it as bad as that?" she naively asked Jack.

"What?"

"Why, they've all left us."

Jack laughed softly. "So they have I forgot they were here," he said, looking fondly down at his wife.

Echo began to play quietly another ballad. "I've always wanted a piano," she said.

"You'd have found one here waiting if I'd only known it," he chided.

"You've given me so much already," she murmured. "I've been a big expense to you."

Jack again slipped his arm about her waist and kissed her. "There isn't any limit on my love," he declared. "I want you to be happy"—

"Don't you think I am?" laughed Echo. "I'm the happiest woman on earth, Jack, and it's all you. I want to be more than a wife to you. I want to be a helpmate, but you won't let me."

A wistful expression crept over Echo's countenance.

"Who says so?" he demanded playfully, as if he would punish any man who dared make such an accusation.

Echo turned on the stool and took his hand. "I know it," she said, with emphasis. "You've been worried about something for days and days. Don't tell me you haven't."

Jack opened his lips as if to contradict her. "We women learn to look beneath the surface. "What is it, Jack?" she continued.

Jack loosened his wife's hand clasp and walked over to the table.

"Nothing. What should I have to worry about?" He spoke carelessly.

"The mortgage?" suggested Echo.

"I paid that off last week," explained Jack.

Echo felt deeply hurt that this news should have been kept from her by her husband.

"You did, and never told me?" she chided. "Where did you get the money?" she inquired.

"Why, I"— Jack halted. He could not frame an excuse at once nor invent a new lie to cover his old sin. Deeper and deeper he was getting into the mire of deception.

Echo had arisen from the seat. "It was over $3,000, wasn't it?" she insisted.

"Something like that," answered Jack noncommittally.

"Well, where did you get it?" demanded his wife.

"An old debt—a friend of mine—I loaned him the money a long time ago, and he paid it back—that's all."

Jack took a drink of water from the olla to hide his confusion.

"Who was it?" persisted Echo.

"You wouldn't know if I told you. Now, just stop talking business."

"It isn't fair," declared Echo. "You share all the good things of life with me, and I want to share some of your business worries. I want to stand my share of the bad."

Jack saw he must humor her. "When the bad comes I'll tell you," he assured her, patting her hand.

"You stand between me and the world. You're like a great big mountain standing guard over a little tree in the valley, keeping the cold north wind from treating it too roughly." She sighed contentedly. "But the mountain does it all."

Jack looked down tenderly at his little wife. Her love for him moved him deeply.

"Not at all," he said to her. "The little tree grows green and beautiful. It casts a welcome shade about it, and the heart of the mountain is made glad to its rocky core to know that the safety of that little tree is in its keeping."

Taking her in his arms, he kissed her again and again.

"Kissing again!" shouted Polly from the doorway. "Say, will you two never settle down to business? There's Bud Lane an' a bunch of others just come into the corral. Maybe they want you, Jack."

Jack excused himself. As he stepped out on the piazza he asked Polly, "Shall I send Bud in?"

"Let him come in if he wants to. I'm not sendin' for him." Polly spitefully turned up her nose at him. Jack laughed as he closed the door.

Echo reseated herself at the piano, fingering the keys.

"How are you getting on with Bud?" she asked the younger girl.

"We don't get on a little bit," she snapped. "Bud never seems to collect much revenue, an' we just keep trottin' slow-like. Wish I was married an' had a home of my own."

"Aren't you happy with father and mother?"

Polly glanced at Echo, with a smile. "Lord, yes," she replied, "in a way, but I'm only a poor relation! Your ma was my ma's cousin's cousin or somethin' like that."

Echo laughed. "Nonsense," she retorted. "Nonsense. You're my dear sister and the only daughter that's at the old home now."

"But I want a home of my own like this," said Polly.

"Then you'd better shake Bud and give Slim a chance."

Polly was too disgusted to answer at once. "Slim Hoover—shucks! Slim doesn't care for girls. He's afraid of 'em," she said at length. "I like Bud with all his orneriness," she declared.

"Why doesn't he come to see you more often?"

"I don't know. Maybe it's because he's never forgiven you for marryin' Jack."

"Why should he mind that?" she asked, startled.

"Well, you know," she answered between stitches, drawing the needle through the cloth with angry little jerks, "Bud he never quite believed Dick was dead."

Echo rose hastily. The vague, haunting half thoughts of weeks were crystallized on the instant. She felt as if Dick was trying to speak to her from out of the great beyond. With a shudder she sank into a chair at the table opposite Polly.

"Don't," she said, her voice scarcely above a whisper. "I can't bear to hear him spoken of. I dreamed of him the other night—a dreadful dream."

Polly was delighted with this new mystery. It was all so romantic!

"Did you? Let's hear it."

With unseeing eyes Echo gazed straight ahead, rebuilding from her dream fabric a tragedy of the desert in which the two men who had played so great a part in her life were the actors.

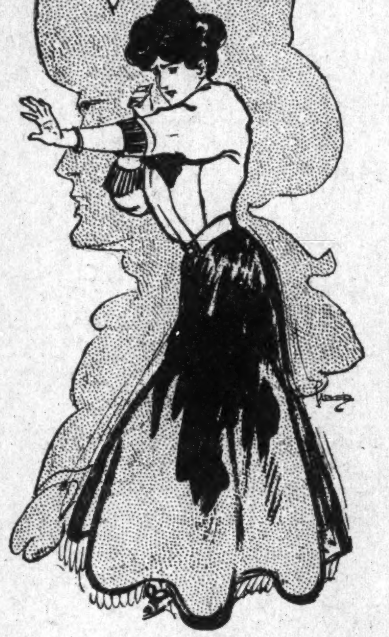
"It seems," she told, "that I was in the desert, such a vast, terrible desert, where the little dust devils eddied and swirled and the merciless sun beat down until it shriveled up every growing thing."

Polly nodded her head sagely.

"That's the way the desert looks, and no water."

Echo paid no heed to the interruption. Her face became wan and haggard as in her mind's eye she saw the weary waste of waterless land quiver and swim under the merciless sun. Not a tree, not a blade of grass, not a sign of life, broke the monotony of crumbling cliffs and pinnacled rocks. Onward and ever onward stretched yellow ridges and alkali whitened ravines, blinding the eye and parching the throat.

"Then I saw a man staggering toward me," she continued. "His face was white and drawn, his lips cracked and parched. Now and then he would stumble and fall and lie there on his face in the hot sand, digging into it with his bony fingers, seeking for water."



"It was Dick."

Echo shut her eyes as if to blot out the picture. Its reality almost overpowered her.

"Suddenly he raised his eyes to mine," she resumed after a pause. "It was Dick."

In her excitement she had arisen, stretching out her arms as if to ward off an apparition.

"He tried to call me. I saw his lips move, framing my name. Dragging himself to his feet, he came toward me with his arms outstretched. Then another form appeared between us, fighting to keep him back. They fought there under the burning sun in the hot dust of the desert until at last one was crushed to earth. The victor raised his face to mine, and—it was Jack."

Echo buried her face in her hands. Dry sobs shook her bosom. Awe stricken, Polly gazed at the overwrought wife.

"Phew!" she laughed to shake off her fright. "That was a sure enough nightmare. If I'd a dream like that I'd wake up the whole house yappin' like a coyote."

As the commonplace ever intrudes upon the unusual, so a knock on the door relieved the tension of the situation. It was Slim. He did not wait for an invitation to enter, but, opening the door, asked, "Can I come in?"

"Sure, come in!" cried Polly, glad to find any excuse to shake off the depression of Echo's dream.

"Howdy, Mrs. Payson? Just come over to see Jack," was the jolly sheriff's greeting.

"He's down at the corral," she informed him.

Mrs. Allen hurried in from the kitchen at this moment, calling: "Echo, come here an' look at this here cake. It looks as if it had been sot on."

Echo closed the lid of the piano and called her mother's attention to the presence of Slim Hoover.

"How d'ye do, Slim Hoover? You might have left some of that dust outside."

The sheriff was greatly embarrassed by her chiding. In his ride from Florence to the Sweetwater the alkali and sand stirred up by the hoofs of the horses had settled on his hat and waistcoat so freely that his clothing had assumed a neutral gray tone, above which his sun tanned face and red hair loomed like the moon in a fog. Josephine's scolding drove him to brush his shoulders with his hat, raising a cloud of dust about his head.

"Stop it!" Mrs. Allen shouted shrilly. "Slim Hoover, if your brains was dynamite you couldn't blow the top of your head off!"

Polly was greatly amused by Slim's encounter with the cleanly Mrs. Allen. Slim stood with open mouth, watching Mrs. Allen flounce out of the room after Echo, who was trying in vain to suppress her laughter. Turning to Polly, he said, "Ain't seen you in some time."

Slim was thankful that the girl was seated at the table with her back to him. Somehow or other he found he could speak to her more freely when she was not looking at him.

"That's so?" she challenged. "Come to the birthday?"

"Not regular," he answered.

Polly glanced at him over her shoulder. The look was too much for Slim. He turned away to hide his embarrassment. Partly recovering from his bashfulness, he coughed preparatory to speaking. But Polly had vanished. As one looks sheepishly for the magician's disappearing coin, so Slim gazed at floor and ceiling as if the girl might pop up anywhere. Spying an empty chair behind him, he sank into it gingerly and awkwardly.

Meantime Polly returned with a broom and began sweeping out the evidences of Slim's visit. She spoke again.

"Get them holdups yet that killed 'Old Man' Terrill?" she asked.

"Not yet. But we had a new shootin' over'n our town yesterday."

Slime was doing his best to make conversation. Polly did not help him out very freely.

"That so?" was her reply.

"Spotted Taylor shot two Chinamen."

Polly's curiosity was aroused.

"What for?" she asked, stopping her sweeping for a moment.

"Just to give the new graveyard a start," Slim chuckled.

Polly joined in his merriment.

"Spotted Taylor was always a public spirited citizen," was her comment.

"He sure was," assented Slim.

"Get up there. I want to sweep under that chair." Polly brushed Slim's feet with the broom vigorously. With an elaborate "Excuse me!" Slim arose, but reseated himself in another chair directly in the pathway of Polly's broom.

"Get out of there, too," she cried.

"Shucks! There ain't any room for me nowhere," he muttered disgustedly.

"You shouldn't take up so much of it."

Slim attempted to take a seat on the small gilt chair which was Jack's wedding present to Echo. Polly caught sight of him in time. "Look out," she shouted. "That chair wasn't built for a full grown man like you."

Slim nervously replaced the chair before a writing desk. Polly wielded her broom about the feet of the sheriff, who danced clumsily about trying to avoid her.

(Continued Next Week,)

BIG ROCK, TENN.

Rev. J. H. Martin, of Clarksville, Tenn., pastor of the Legat circuit of the Clarksville District, preached a noble sermon at Bethel A. M. E. Church Sunday. At night he organized the Allen Christian Endeavor League with the following members as officers: Supt., Rev. W. J. Wade; president, Mrs. Almeadie Parham; vice president, Mrs. M. J. Ellis; secretary, Mrs. P. D. Kingan; treasurer, Mrs. Almer Ellis. Rev. Martin will remain here until Thursday, then he leaves for Lafayette, Tex...Jas. Cheatham and wife are on the sick list...The Young People's Literary Society will exhibit the eleventh of next month at Legate, Tenn.

MINEOLA, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Lone Pine Club met on the 26th and are getting busy now. Will celebrate the Emancipation Dany the 19th of June, 1909...Miss Alice Hudson closed her school on April 2 with a large number of scholars...Mrs. Caroline Witherspoon was very sick last week, as were also a number of others...O. J. Blackman, five miles north of Mineola, has the finest stock in the county; go see them...The Freeman is on sale each week by Sandy Anderson.

TYLER, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Dr. C. H. Philips made a business trip to Corsicare this week...Prof. C. S. Benson was seen in the city last Saturday on business...Rev. S. H. Pittman returned from Muskagee, Okla., this week...Mr. Epcy Walker is one of the most successful barbers in the city...Prof. W. E. Peele, the principal of the city school, made a business trip to Palestine last week, and was elected conductor of the Palestine Normal, a combination of five counties...Rev. Jessie Rowe preached at East Texas Academy last Sunday night.

DELHI, OHIO.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Rev. W. H. Lewis, pastor of the Baptist church, has made great progress in his work since he has had charge of the church. Many new additions have been made. Services every Sunday and Sabbath school. All are invited to attend.

URBANA, OHIO.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The concert given under the auspices of Mrs. Susan Williams and Mittie Onsly was a decided success. Talent was produced that night that has slumbered for years, such as Mrs. Hardin Washington, John Mosley, Florence Philips and May Downs in recitation and plays, and Mrs. J. Miles in several sweet songs...The Philiss Wheatley Court of Calantaith and the K. of P. Sir Knights of Honor had their annual sermon preached at the Second Baptist Church by Elder Hart, Sunday, March 28....The Second Baptist Baptist Church celebrated the 43rd anniversary Sunday, March 28, which ended Monday night with a fine program and banquet...Elder Shuth, of Washington, D. C., is visiting old friends in Urbana...Mrs. Mahiana Naugh was out Sunday for the first time after a long and severe illness.

WHAT ARE YOU BAPTISTS GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

We have just received extracts from three very touching appeals from missionaries in foreign fields under the auspices of the National Baptist Convention. Dr. Jordan, the secretary, located in Louisville, Ky., seems to be unusually active in an effort to relieve these missionaries. The rally planned for Easter Sunday should engage the attention and sympathetic helpfulness of every pastor and intelligent Baptist in the country. The Foreign Mission Board, 726 W. Walnut street, Louisville, Ky., is furnishing programs free to any church or Sunday school who will take hold and help relieve the distressing situation. Program or no program, the churches in sympathy with the National Baptist Convention and its work should send an offering to the board from their Easter Sunday collection.

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Congress has the idea; it is revising downward, even if it don't go very far.

The saloon people are doing their best at making a good impression; they go on the theory that it is better late than never.

And just to think, great big Marion County has got to go through those stressful, agitating days of the liquor question discussion.

If the Congressmen would find some way to reduce the price of coal, they would confer an everlasting blessing on more than a few mortals in these parts.

These are the spring days of our content, made glorious by the sun returning from capricorn. Shine out, fair sun, that we may see ourselves as we pass by.

Ex-President Roosevelt is taking in that rare blue sky of sunny Italy. The New York World does not think any too well of Mr. Roosevelt; it hopes every animal will do its duty.

If Christ should come to Indianapolis he would find the streets crowded with Negro boys on Sunday, acting much worse than through the week days. One is tempted to ask, Are the Negroes repudiating the Church?

Indianapolis has between thirty and forty thousand colored people. There are a few good business concerns among them. It is possible to have many more. The streets are swarmed with half-grown, idle boys and girls who should have something to do.

South Africa is preparing for a new constitution. Four millions of blacks are interested, and a handful of white people. The handful, however, will make the laws. Been making some constitutions ourselves. Would not mind seeing what those bloomin' Britishers are going to do with all of those darkies.

The common people don't care a great deal about gloves. Some of them wear them as a matter of fashion, but if they were asked to express their choice as to lower priced shoes and lower priced gloves, they would declare for shoes. If the tariff bill takes such a turn, making it possible for lower prices for things most needed, Congress will have served the country best, although some trust gets a boost in the meanwhile.

WHAT THE PRESIDENT WILL DO.

Recently a delegation of prominent Southern colored men called on President Taft to ascertain his views in regard to his racial situation in the South. In other words, it may be averred that the delegation and others that have been calling on the President are anxious about the political situation, from the standpoint of the distribution of patronage. Just a little anxiety is manifested as to what Mr. Taft will do. Will he pass the colored brother up or will he in his own good time find about the usual number of places found heretofore for distribution?

As a matter of favor, or policy, or custom, we may expect to see the President come around in time, doing about what other Presidents have done, and simply for the reasons cited, including the thing for the party's good. For downright aid contributed to Mr. Taft's selection in convention or at the polls a great deal can not be claimed. But we suppose it will be a case of let bygones be bygones with the President, and who, in so doing, will be generous and charitable according to his nature.

Again, those who expect a great deal of Mr. Taft will remember that he took an up-and-up stand for the general good. He made it clear before his nomination that he was striving for the peace of the nation. His speeches, wherein he referred to the recent State constitutional enactments and election laws, left no doubt to the discerning reader as to what he meant. The essence of these speeches when bearing on the point was that these constitutions and election laws squared with the constitution of the country, making it also plain that he took no cognizance of the possibility of designing men to thwart or to defeat the law's intent or its supposed intent. His stand, taken at such a time, showed very clearly that he was studious in what he said. In other words, he served notice in advance that this quasi recognition of what was, at least from a legal aspect, was to be a part of his program as it concerned the colored race—the foundation principal on which everything subsequent was to be built or made to conform.

His pronunciamento, we may say, sarried dissatisfaction in its wake, but he went before the electorate of the country on that plank as it concerns the Negroes. He had not many warm admirers among Negroes on that account. The Crum incident, without doubt, was owing to the influence of the President's attitude. If Crum had maintained, held his own, that part of the President's declaration of principles along the line which, in substance said, Colored men would not be appointed to office in communities where such an appointment would bring about unpleasantness or friction between the races in such communities, could not have been written.

So much for the President's known views. What will he do? We hazard the opinion that he will stick to his program, appointing Negroes freely enough in communities that are largely made up of Negroes. If advised to make appointments in other communities, he will carefully weigh the situation with the view of the minimum of friction. In our judgment, the President does not entertain ill will against the colored people, nor is he different to his predecessors. The time in which we live, after the experiences of those predecessors, is convincing argument that President nor Supreme Courts can manufacture sentiment. The Presidents, the Supreme Court, the Republican party, have been earnest and honest, yet the color problem grew. It is not a thing of theory. The white people of the South are actually arrayed, politically and socially, against the Negroes.

Mr. Taft thinks he has the panacea; it despirits the Negro race, yet if nothing of greater evil befalls than now endured, and general peace follows, and general prosperity, Mr. Taft will have rendered the country a distinguished service. This in view of the circumstances where the Negro is the new Ishmael, where the sign of the parting of the ways is the color of the skin and no man forgets his cue. Let us Negroes be great enough to wait, abide the time, forgetting the petty meannesses endured, until the country is welded securely together with no North or South, chargeable to the race as it is today. The Fifteenth Amendment will endure, says Mr. Taft. We may also take his word in the instance. With it endures the political hopes of the Negroes and all that hangs on them. Rights in abeyance are not rights denied. Respect, honor, are due the government that refuses to change, even though clamor demands, reducing all to the unassailable proposition that the quarrel is with the people.

EASTER SERVICES.

To-morrow special Easter day services will be held in most of the churches, for which elaborate preparations are being made. At Bethel A. M. E. Church the choir has prepared to give special music. "Foreign Missions" will be the subject of the morning discourse. On Easter Sunday night the Knight Templars will have their annual sermon at Bethel Church. The Sunday-school will have special exercises at 9:30 a. m. Allen Chapel will have a special Easter program Easter Monday night. Simpson Chapel and Jones' Tabernacle will each have a special service. Olivet Baptist and Union Tabernacle churches have arranged special programs. Palms, flowering plants and canary birds will be used in profusion in all the churches.

The Sunday-school of Caldwell A. M. E. Zion Church, Haughville, will render "The Triumph" Sunday night. In addition papers will be read by Miss Llama Joyner, subject, "Easter;" Miss Alice Dun, subject, "Flowers;" Miss Kattie Sears, subject, "Charity;" Mr. J. A. Bailey, superintendent Sunday-school work. Welcome address by the pastor, T. A. Fenderson.

St. Phillips Episcopal Mission will also have a special program.

WHITE, OAK, ALA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Miss Cora Ward was in the city one evening this week for a short stay....Mrs. Ann Trammell is very ill at her home.... Mrs. E. M. Barber is still on the sick list.

PARIS, KY.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

George Nelson, the undertaker, of North Middletown, was in Paris this week on business....Anderson Hayden, of Cynthiana, is very sick....Elder Gorham has returned to his old flock....Eddie Parker has added quite an improvement to his shining parlor by a new coat of varnish. ....Mrs. Joe Love has accepted an agency for the Atlanta, Ga., Skin Preparation and Toilet.

EVANSTON, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Sister Rene Howard preached Sunday evening at the A. M. E. Church to a large and appreciative audience. Miss Howard has great hopes for the future of the Negro, and says her race is the greatest on earth.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The lecture delivered at Warren A. M. E. Church, Rev. I. H. Welch, D. D., pastor, Monday evening, March 29, by Bishop H. B. Parks, D. D., Chicago, Ill., was very precious in gems of thought, great for its practical application, and superb in its masterly eloquence. Subject, "What Are the True Essentials to Real Success?" He was favored with a large and appreciative audiance, and there was much applause as he arose to speak....Bishop A. J. Warner, D. D., was in the city on official business, en route for New Orleans....Rev. R. M. Devine, pastor of Harrison A. M. E. Zion Church, is on the sick list, and is on Lookout Mountain, Tenn., for medical treatment. He was visited by Bishop A. J. Warner, D. D., and Drs. W. H. McIntyre, E. M. Moss, P. E., D. T. Simmons and E. O. Cowans....The First Baptist Church, Rev. C. A. Bell, B. D., pastor, has had in the morning services converts in the midst of the gospel preaching.

MUNCIE, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bass, of Dayton, Ohio, are guests of Mrs. Rosie Bass.... Mr. J. H. Jones is ill....Mrs. Tena Stewart has returned to Grand Rapids, Mich... Lawrence White and William White made a business trip to New Castle....Mrs. Blanch Williams, accompanied by her father, William Evans, is visiting Harry Oglesby at Indianapolis. Evans is en route to his home at Coville, Ill....Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Lampkin, of Indianapolis, visited relatives in the city....Mrs. M. A. McCurdy, of Richmond, Ind., State Superintendent of the W. C. T. U. work, is doing great work among the churches for local option....Miss Nina Steward has returned to Grand Rapids, Mich....Miss Martha Rose Lewis, of Dayton, Ohio, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Bass....Frank Bass spent a few days in Richmond and Dayton, Ohio....Fred Alexander and Miss Cora Gayton called on friends in Indianapolis, Sunday....Miss Adah Gayton and Mrs. Slifford Caine, of the capital city, will spend Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Russ Bass....George W. Strong has returned home from Charlotte, N. C., after having buried his father. He brought his mother home to reside with him permanently.... The Juvenile Choir of the A. M. E. Church, under the leadership of Mrs. George W. Strong, realized $21.05. The children will appear Easter Sunday morning in their new robes and caps....Mr. and Mrs. Bert Means, of Anderson, are stopping with the latter's sister, Mrs. Fred Bass....Mrs. Charles Fossett is very sick....Mr. and Mrs. C. Peters will leave the city in a few days. They will spend a few days with their parents in Fort Wayne before joining P. G. Lowery's Minstrels....Miss Gertrude Valentine is home from Chicago visiting parents and friends....Eagle Lodge No. 14, K. of P., is having great success with its special dispensation. Ten new members have been initiated and two members were reinstated, and they have eighteen candidates.

ST. PAUL, MINN.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mr. Richard E. Haynes, of Bellingham, Wash., is in the city, the guest of his grandma, Mrs. H. Murphy....Mr. Orion E. Williams has opened up a music studio in Room 22 Union Block....Lawyer W. T. Francis left Saturday for Peoria, Ill., where he will represent the Northern Pacific Railway in a lawsuit....Gipsy Smith, the great evangelist, is drawing large crowds of people. On Sunday night, April 4, it is estimated that there were 15,000 people crowded in the Auditorium, the largest building in St. Paul. Many thousand people are turned away nightly.... Miss Ora Schaffer died and was buried from St. James A. M. E. Church on March 31....The Zion Presbyterian Church will give an all-star concert on April 28....On April 12 there will be a lady minstrels given by the members of the Ladies' Catholic Home Club....Mr. Fred Gamble and Miss Anna Jackson were united in marriage on April 1....Mrs. Harriett Burrell has been confined to her bed with rheumatism....A report has been circulated that Mr. John J. Johnson died in Chicago two weeks ago, but this seems to be only a rumor, for Mr. W. A. Williams has received a telegram that Mr. Johnson is well and hearty....Get THE FREEMAN each week from Henry Crawford, the news dealer.

YOUNGSTOWN, O.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Miss Ruth Bobson is able to be about after six weeks' illness....Mrs. Mary Penney and daughter, of Warren, were in the city Monday....Mrs. Sarah Boggess is ill with fever....Miss Rhodie Holmes has the neuralgia....William Saunders will give an Easter skating party at the Auditorium Rink, Monday evening, April 12, and numerous features will be introduced....Mrs. Daulph and Mrs. Biddle are able to be around again....Company D, U. R., K. of P., will meet in their hall Saturday evening....Charles Jackson was in Cleveland last week, on business.... The Clover Leaf Quartette sang at the Lyric Theater Sunday....Miss Clara Bibs, Miss Lizzie Ridly, George Johnson, Mr. Bailey and a number of other Warren people were here last week....William Saunders will have a Marathon race on roller skates soon....Mrs. Richard Young is on the sick list....Miss Ida Harris, of Warren, is ill at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Berry....Rev. and Mrs. Offley are conducting revival services at the St. Mary's A. M. E. Church this week....The Mahoning Avenue Baptist Church had baptizing Sunday afternoon....Covenant Lodge No. 59, F. and A. M., met Monday evening in their lodge room, and routine of business was transacted....Miss Kitty Maher returned from Mercer last week. ....The Oak Hill Avenue Church Improvement Club met at Mrs. Brand's, Glenwood avenue, Friday evening....Miss Edna Boyd, of Pennsylvania, is the guest of Mrs. S. B. Jackson....Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Parker have opened a grocery store on West Cleveland street. Give them a call....The Oak Hill Avenue Sewing Circle met at Mrs. Anna Hudson's, Thursday afternoon....The Rosebud Nursery will give a full dress social in St. Mary's A. M. E. Church, April 20....Mrs. Ella Garns is able to be about, after a week's illness....Miss Hattie Collins is on the sick list.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mr. M. E. Singleton, who has been absent from the city for nine years, arrived here last Friday. Mr. Singleton has been a great sufferer for a number of years, but has now regained his health. He comes to this city to look after his sister, who is very low...The K. P. will give a fine musical concert and ball the 4th of the month at the K. of P. Hall. Some of the best talent of the Twin Cities will take part in the concert...The ladies of the Eastern Star gave a Pink Party at Holcomes Hall last Wednesday evening. Miss Bertha Cheatem received the first prize for having the largest pink bean. Mrs. C. Buckner received the second prize for having the smallest pink bean...Mrs. Ruth Ridges will talk at Bethesda Baptist Church on Easter evening. Her subject will be "The Resurrection."...Mr. Johnson, of Johnson & Dean, is at his mother's in this city and is getting better...Mr. and Mrs. H. Brown, of 11th avenue, South, lost their infant son, who had lung fever. ...Mrs. F. P. Preston is very ill at her home on East 15th street...Mrs. James Roberts, who was in the hospital a few days, is home and improving rapidly... Hereafter the Sunday Forum will meet twice each month at 3 p. m. every second Sunday at St. Peters A. M. E. Church, every fourth Sunday at Bethesda Baptist Church. A fine program of literary and musical numbers will be rendered... The first appearance of the Coral Study Club was made last Sunday at Bethesda Baptist Church before a large audience. Mr. W. Smith gave a short talk in behalf of the club. Mrs. K. Smith sang a beautiful solo. Attorney Morris gave a few remarks on music. Mr. Nelson sang a solo. The club rendered some beautiful pieces of music...The M. T. C. Art Club met at the home of Mrs. Mattie Boyd in St. Paul last week. Mrs. Mary Darrow had a paper on the life of B. K. Brace...Some of the young ladies of St. Thomas Mission gave a lenten tea at the home of Miss B. Van Hooks, on 11th avenue, South, last Tuesday afternoon...The Freeman can be secured from James F. Wilson, 2818 Chicago avenue.

SEKITAN, O.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Gaines will give an Easter dinner Sunday in honor of their mother, Mrs. Clara Gaines. Those invited are Mr. and Mrs. John Moten, Mr. J. W. Gaines, Mrs. Alberta Griggs, Mr. and Mrs. William Williams....The members of the C. M. E. Church will give an ice cream social Monday evening, April 12. Mrs. Edna Gaines and Mrs. Maggie Curry are the committee on arrangements. ....Mr. and Mrs. James Mitchell were business visitors in the city Saturday evening, in the interest of their lodging and boarding house....Henry Delaney, of High street, was calle dto Hebron, Ky., on Tuesday, on account of the death of his sister, Mrs. Mary Ross. The deceased was sixty-three years of age, and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Florence, Ky. Rev. Bush, of Walnut Hills, officiated. Mrs. Ross leaves a husband and two sons and three sisters, besides a host of friends....The Epworth League of the C. M. E. Church will have for its subject, Sunday evening, "Comforted by a Risen Savior," John xx:11-31. Open at 7 o'clock.....Under the direction of Mrs. Lula Jackson, the Easter exercises to be given Sunday afternoon at the First Baptist Church will be a grand affair. Prayer will be offered by Miss Geneva Boyer; Scripture reading by Miss Maud Lucas, Matthew xx:1-7; opening song by entire school, "Jesus Said to the Little Children;" welcome address, W. H. Brannon; remarks by S. D. Saunders, D. D., the pastor. About seventeen scholars will take part in the exercises....Oscar Lucas has returned home, after an extensive business trip through Paris, Ky., Lexington and Frankfort. Mr. Lucas gave several lectures during his tour....Rev. J. H. Brooks, of the C. M. E. Church, preached to a large congregation Sunday evening on the text, "Building of the Walls of Jerusalem," Nehemiah iv. The sermon was well pictured out and very interesting.... Mrs. A. Harris, of Hopkinsville, visited her home Sunday at College Hill....The ladies of the Home and Foreign Mission Society have arranged their program for Sunday evening, which will consist of several different selections. A paper will be read by N. C. Hawkins. Subject, "The Nazareth of Negrodom."....Rev. J. H. Brooks visited the Ministers' Alliance in the city Monday, which was held at the Methodist Book Concern....Arrangements have been completed for the baptizing which will take place on the first Sunday in May. Rev. S. D. Saunders, D. D., the pastor, will baptize....Charlie Banks and Louis Banks have returned home from Sadieville, Ky., where they were called recently on account of the death of their mother, Mrs. Matilda Banks. The deceased was sixty-seven years old, and had been a resident of Sadieville for a number of years. The funeral was held at 12 o'clock from the First Baptist Church. Rev. Geo. Bush, of Lexington, Ky., conducted the services. Mrs. Banks leaves five sons and many friends to mourn her loss....W. H. Brannon has begun painting his residence, and will make a new kitchen, besides one hundred feet of cement walk.

CLARKSVILLE, TENN.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Dr. C. A. Kelley will spend a few days in Nashville this week....Miss Gertrude Henzley died April 3, at her home on Poston street....Mrs. Amanda Bowling died suddenly, April 4, at her home on Brandon Hill. Interment at Mt. Olive Cemetery. ....Mrs. Barton, wife of Bolivar Barton, died while gathering salad for dinner, March 28, and was buried March 29.... Mr. Sutton, of Chicago, spent Monday in the city....Mrs. Ed Broaddus is yet very ill....Mrs. W. H. C. Stokes is quite ill.... Wesley Chapel is having quite a success with its revival. St. Peter is also reaping a rich harvest during its revival meeting. Rev. Howard is assisting....Fifth Ward is preparing a beautiful cantata for Easter, and is also preparing for the pastor's anniversary....Mrs. M. L. Kelley is in Nashville on a visit to relatives and friends....Dr. Burt and Miss Alma Harris attended the banquet at Meharry, given in honor of the graduating class.... Born, to Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Caldwell, a boy, Saturday, April 3....The Ladies' Reading Club met Thursday, April 8, with Mrs. L. W. Cross, Ford street....Mr. and Mrs. Ed Griffin entertained in honor of their daughter Georgia's birthday. Quite a pleasing program was rendered and an appetizing menu was served....Mt. Olive gave quite an elaborate entertainment at Buck's Hall, April 5. Quite a success was achieved.

URBANA, O.

Editor of THE FREEMAN:

The Church Aid met at the home of Mrs. I. Lanaster, Monday evening.... Mrs. D. C. Lawary is suffering from neuralgia, at her home on Buckeye street.... Mr. William Allen is convalescing.... Mrs. Homer Oda and sister, Edna Owens, have returned home, after a delightful visit with their mother, at Columbus, O. ....Mrs. Louis Hankins, Edith Willson and Byrdie Farmer were shopping in Springfield Saturday....Mrs. Edward Church entertained a number of her friends, Thursday evening. A delightful evening was spent by all.

KANSAS CITY, MO.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mr. C. Harmon is in the city, but will leave for the East this week....Mr. and Mrs. S. Thompson, who live at Twenty-third and Woodland, will spend the summer in Chicago....Mrs. Phonie Taylor, of Thirty-fifth and Charlotte streets, left Kansas City Monday, to be present at the wedding of her sister, Miss Emma Fristo, and Mr. John Robinson, at Paola....Mr. Ed Wise, of Demopolis, Ala., left for home after a pleasant stay of two weeks with his old friend and schoolmate, Mathew Collier, of 1015 Oak street....Mr. Passie, of Demopolis, Ala., will go in business in Kansas City as soon as he can find location to suit....The Pickwick Club says it looks like a big night at Turner Hall, the Easter ball. Shad and Frank say, that's all....Mr. Johnston has recently opened one of the swellest cafes in Kansas City, known as Johnston's Cafe. Mr. James Baker is headwaiter, with a crew of twenty side waiters, who are receiving much credit and praise for their discipline and good service which the patrons are receiving....Mr. Lee Jones, a waiter, of Chicago, and at present employed at Johnston's Cafe, is contemplating a trip to Fulton, Ky., to look after his farm.... George Payne, of St. Louis, is now employed at Johnston's Cafe....Robert Eaton, of Minneapolis, Minn., is second waiter at Johnston's Cafe....Dr. D. S. King is back with the boys again at Johnston's Cafe...."The First Easter," a cantata by Tillotson-Wilson, will be given at the Second Baptist Church, corner Tenth and Charlotte, to-morrow evening, at 7 o'clock. The soloists are Mrs. M. Black, Mrs. A. Jackson Ward, Miss Cora White, William Baker, Jr., William Briggs and Harry Fields. At 2 p. m. the Knight Templars will hold their annual sermon. There will also be special services in the morning. Rev. J. H. Kelley, D. D., of San Francisco, Cal., will deliver the sermon, "The Conquering King." Prof. Charles Black will give a violin solo.

TYLER, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

A tour of the State is now being made by the Phillips University Glee Club, of this city, which is in great demand at this time. They are an excellent group of young men, with unusually sweet voices. Prof. Jasper Tappan Phillips, professor of Latin and French in this well-known school, is the director. Prof. Phillips is himself a sweet singer, and was for four years a member of the famous Fisk University Glee Club, of Nashville, Tenn., and a classical and musical graduate of that school....Dr. Charles Henry Phillips, one of the leading practitioners of the Lone Star State, and also lecturer on hygiene in Phillips University, left the city this week on an extended visit to Chicago, Racine, Wis., and other Northern points. He will also attend the commencement exercises of Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn.

SHERMAN, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Copies of The Freeman on sale at Mr. Wm. Mann's tonsorial parlor, one of the handsomest in North Texas, on East Mulberry street, en route to the depot.... Mrs. G. W. Hume, proprietor of the Evergreen Cafe, one of the handsomest in Texas, after a few days' illness, is able to be up again....Mr. Buckingham is an admirer of The Freeman....Mr. J. W. Fenet always takes a copy of The Freeman....Prof. A. J. Sykes informed the reporter that a saengerfest would be held in the city some time in May next. Further announcement will be made of it.... Mr. Wm. Z. Green has subscribed for one year for The Freeman....Mr. Nallie E. Jefferson, after a few days' illness, is up again....Copies of The Freeman on sale at Mr. Jim Carson's tonsorial parlor, corner of Pecan and Walnut streets....The Easter fete, the opening of Wood Lake, a beautiful park, on the 12th inst., promises to be a grand affair. Music will be furnished by Mr. M. Royal's superb orchestra. Ask Mr. Ernest Johnson, the manager, about it.

DALLAS, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Get The Freeman at Griff's Restaurant, on the Grand Central Stroll, and at 190 Main street. Leave news and advertisements, the coming and going of your friends. This paper is helping to solve the problem by serving the whole people, regardless of their station in life. Will you help it? Subscribe now, and put your place of business in its columns, too.... Secretary Willis, whose headquarters are at Waco, was here Saturday, mingling with braves of the K. of P. lodges of the metropolis, in company with Hon. W. E. King, editor and proprietor of the Dallas Express, and looking after the interest of the Texas Pythian Journal....A look in at the improvements now going on at the People's undertaking establishment will convince the most skeptical that all Negroes here and elsewhere should do business with that firm....Capt. Johnnie Jones and wife accompanied the remains of his mother, who was fatally burned in the fire which consumed her residence on Indiana street, Thursday night....The Negro voters stood up and voted for the school and water bonds to a man, it is believed....A remarkable occurrence takes place here on the 13th. Bishop M. H. Turner and Wm. J. Bryan will deliver addresses here at the same hour, but at different places....Miss Estella Ormon is home from her school at Miller....The city teachers presented resolutions in honor of a deceased member of the board, who had helped to pave the way for those of the race who are of school age. They were very appropriate and touched the excellent qualities of the man who in life was a benefactor of the race here.... Companies 4 and 15, Uniform Rank, K. of P., held an individual prize drill Tuesday night, at the residence lawn of Knight Childs, on Jackson street, in the presence of a large crowd of members and friends, who now congratulate Private Murry for carrying away the honors for Company No. 4 and Corporal Chas. Thomas for No. 15. These drills are becoming more and more interesting each time....St. Luke Lodge No. 1 presented Mr. Thomas Walker a handsome gold medal, Tuesday night, for the good and faithful service rendered in the past twelve years as master of exchequer of the order.

EVENTS AT LOUISVILLE

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Church of Our Merciful Savior may have a parish house. The matter has been broached to the rector, and he seems very much in favor of the new establishment. Under Dr. Leroy Ferguson, the church has made rapid progress, and is self-supporting.

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Miss Atholene Peyton, one of Louisville's charming young women, and the assistant to Miss Georgia A. Lattimore at the Domestic Science Department at the Central High School, is planning to take a Western trip as soon as school is out. Miss Peyton has numerous friends in the West, and most likely she will go to Denver, Col.

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This is certainly the time for the colored men who are in business to begin to advertise their goods. Spring is fast approaching, and those in business of any kind should begin to figure out how to enlarge their business by advertising. The Freeman is largely circulated in this city, and an investment in these columns would pay any business man who wants good returns.

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Miss Helen Fairbanks, who attends Miss Rose Melville, of the "Sis Hopkins" Company, was the guest of Miss Salome Worthington, 722 West Walnut street, during the engagement here. This is the sixth year of Miss Fairbanks with Miss Melville, and she says that her travels have been very extensive. She is a most interesting conversationalist, and very pleasant to meet.

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The Young Men's Progressive League will open their club rooms the first of April at the corner of Eleventh and Walnut streets. All the necessary furniture has been purchased, and the formal opening is expected to be an event in society. Dr. J. A. C. Lattimore, president of the organization, stated "that he hoped that the club would continue to make itself felt in the social life of the people in this city, as well as being of some benefit to charitable institutions."

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The Bapitst Foreign Mission rooms resemble a "beehive" of business. Ten young girls are engaged in mailing out the Easter number of the Herald, Easter program, envelopes, tracts and other literature to the Baptists of this country. Secretary L. G. Jordan has hopes of the Baptists raising $10,000 on Easter for foreign mission work. From the interest being manifested by the Sunday-schools and individuals, the outlook is brighter this year than ever before to raise the needed sum.

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The trained nurses at the Red Cross Sanitarium are very proud of the recent donations and contributions given their institution by both white and colored. The white women of the city a few weeks ago gave the institution $1,000, and the colored women raised $850 on last Sunday. With this amount they feel highly gratified to the citizens. All the patients at the institution are getting better. Drs. Scott, Whedbee, Merchant and others connected with the Sanitarium are thankful for the needed support at the school.

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There has been quite a lull among Louisville's dashing, vivacious and charming society girls. This has been due to the Lenten season. The dullness has become chronic, and even those who are not keeping Lent are extremely quiet.

Society people seem to be taking a long rest and are waiting patiently for the Easter day to arrive, and then the Easter Monday and other days will usher in a number of social functions.

But few of the whist clubs are playing. Most of the younger set are spending their time reading, while others are mapping out plans for spring festivities.

The young girls are much pleased with spring styles that are on display at the various dry goods stores, and from all reports they hope to be gowned in the latest styles and fashions on Easter morning.

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We are in receipt of a letter from our good friend, Mr. Charles Banks, of Mound Bayou, Miss. Mr. Banks is vice president of the National Negro Business Men's League and president of the Mississippi League. He informs us that his State meeting will be held in Okolona, on June 30 and July 1. Such well-known business men are connected with the League as J. W. Strauther, G. W. Malone, Isaiah T. Montgomery, E. B. Topp, E. H. McKissack, W. L. Reubin, Dr. W. A. Attaway and others. We hope the Business League will be a great success, and extend them an invitation to be present at the National League here this August. By the way, Mr. Banks, we may be in to see your League, as we did several years ago with Mr. Bush and Judge Gibbs.

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Mr. P. C. Martin, who has opened up a cigar stand and newspaper store at Tenth and Chestnut streets, is much pleased with his beginning. The many colored people in the "Black Belt" of this city are beginning to learn that a daily and weekly paper can be purchased at his place, and they are rallying to him admirably. Leading journals of the race are on sale there, and there is no excuse now for the Louisville people not being able to keep up with the times in the way of race journals of news and opinions.

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Hon. George L. Knox is being mentioned as one of the speakers to address the Young Men's Christian Association early this spring. It is known by those of the association hereabouts that Mr. Knox, owner and publisher of THE FREEMAN, is one of the leading Y. M. C. A. workers in this country.

Secretary C. H. Bullock has in mind, he says, "a number of prominent men all over the country that he is desirous of bringing to the city, and Mr. Knox will most likely be one of the first." Mr. Knox is well known here, and has a host of friends in this section.

His coming will no doubt be an event of large proportions, and would bring out a large number of men to see and hear one of the most successful newspaper men in the country. In advance the representative of THE FREEMAN extends a welcome to the orator and publicist of Indiana, and assures him a hearty, Christian and joyous stay while in the Falls Cities.

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As politics should necessarily be a part of all news matter, we shall from time to time give an independent side of both parties. We learn that Mr. George D. Todd, a friend of the Negro, is being spoken of by many as a candidate for Mayor on the Republican ticket. Mr. Todd is well known and has played a powerful part in local politics. Charles Scholl has the bee buzzing around his head, but also wants to get the place of Internal Revenue Collector. Marshall Bullitt and Walter Glover are among the others who have high hopes of being remembered at the city election.

As for the Democrats, Mr. Owen Tyler, a banker and business man, may seek the nomination if there will be a primary. Mr. W. O. Head, W. J. Beard, James B. Brown, Col. John B. Castleman and R. W. Bingham may be in the race at a convention.

As the race becomes interesting, we shall from time to time have something to say of those who are out and in the race for their respective offices.

Politics in the School Board is supposed to be sewed up, but there is going to be a nice race, we believe, for superintendent of public schools. Prof. R. B. Halleck wants Mr. Marks' job very badly, and there are going to be warm times in the selection of the next superintendent. This means that those trustees that are favorable to Mr. Marks must be elected to tide him over.

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From all indications Louisville will have another big musical event during the coming spring. Prof. Leroy Tibbs, one of the best musicians in the South and a graduate of Fisk University Musical Department, is now rehearsing a number of the best singers in this community to give a grand affair this spring. Louisville appreciates musicals of all kinds. Every colored performance that comes to this city usually takes away large sums. Local affairs are always fortunate in having large houses. From the interest that is being manifested in the coming event and the class of singers assigned, it is expected to be one of the grandest musical performances that has been pulled off hereabouts.

CAREY B. LEWIS.

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My friends, do away with that great after sight you possess, and get in line with the men of the new day; go or invest your means where all men are equal—for we are determined to elevate ourselves from under the feet of our persecutors, and are doing so. If you are concerned and want to invest in a proposition where there is a fortune as well as liberty awaiting you, write to our branch office for prospectus and application blank. Address

J. B. Lawler, General Manager,
P. O. Box 979, - - El Paso, Texas

Williams and Stevens are headliners this week at the Gem Theater, Gary, Ind. Doing nicely, thank you.

Anatole, Pierre and Vera have left for Vicksburg to fill an engagement at the Majestic Theater, beginning Monday, April 5.

The Lincoln Park will open on Easter Sunday for the summer season. They have engaged the Allen Big Minstrel Company as an initiative.

H. G. Cailloix, of the professional headquarters, sends regards to all acquaintances in and out of the profession, and says he is still sending out performers.

Clarence Powell's Real Negro Minstrels, forty strong, will play parks this coming summer. Time all booked solid by the National Park Managers' Association.

Black and Jones, vaudeville artists, sailed March 31 on the ocean liner, Lusitania, for Liverpool, England. They are booked solid for eighteen weeks over the Moss-Stoll Circuit.

The Two Tennessee Rosebuds, Lehman Smith and John W. F. Woods, are now in vaudeville, opening at the Crescent Theater, at Charlotte, N. C., Monday night of last week. Regards to all friends.

Sylvester Russell, the well-known stage critic, has been giving a dissertation on the "Great White Way." It is quite masterly, although a little Browning-like in its unfathomableness. Some people enjoy the ability to mystify.

Sign or not to sign; that's the question. Whether 'tis better to sign early in the season at the first opportunity, thus making sure, or wait until later, hoping a chance of taking on something bigger, and perchance lose out altogether. That's the rub.

The Coleridge-Taylor Orchestra of Pittsburg is named very formidably. If the organization is living up to the prototype, it is going some. Coleridge-Taylor is a leading composer, being highly esteemed in England, notwithstanding the fact that he is of African extraction.

Taylor's Kentucky Minstrels are at the Union Theater, New York, this week. The members are: Charles H. Taylor and Harry Hayens, comedians; Clemo Harris, iron-jawed acrobatic comedian; Daisy Miller, Daisy Garrett, Evan Robinson, Olima Jackson; Griffith B. Wilson, stage manager.

Fiddler and Shelton finished a successful week's engagement at Keith's Theater, Boston, last week, and returned for a Sunday night engagement at the Globe and Majestic, this being their fourth appearance this season. Their season closes in June, and they have had a flattering offer for eight weeks in England. They are playing Rochester, N. Y., next week.

James E. Rogers, ex-advance agent of the Eph Williams Famous Troubadours, has closed a successful engagement with that company, and is now located in Jacksonville, Fla., where he will be pleased to supply his many friends with the famous colored illustrated newspaper, THE FREEMAN. Address 125 Bridge street. Regards to all friends in and out of the profession.

The Majestic Theater, at Hot Springs, Ark., under the management of Al Boyd, is meeting with much success. The Al Boyd Stock Company is supported by Gertrude Soule, Zola Franklin, Artie Jenkins and A. J. W. C. Farlin, and the musical staff is as follows: Louis Johnson, director; E. J. Hicks, pianist; Ed Williams, violinist; R. B. Scott, clarinet; Willie Pone, drums. Regards to all friends.

Taylor's Troubadours just finished two weeks at the Fair Theater, on Fourteenth street, and opened at Union Theater, Eldridge street, between Delancy and Broome streets, with the following people: Chas. H. Taylor, Clem Harris, David Brinkley, Daisy La Tear, Daisy Miller, Daisy Garrett, Evon Robinson and Griffith B. Wilson. Our performance is contortionistic, acrobatic, iron-jawed, eccentric, grotesque comedy, singing and dancing.

The Grand Central Theater, at Dallas, Tex., is pleasing big crowds nightly with the following footlight favorites: Mr. George Barrett, who is still doing his old man specialty; Walter Williams, with the goods; Miss Roberta Williams, who is singing with great success; Miss Emma Johnson, the illustrated singer, who is pleasing with her rendition of "If I Had a Thousand Lives to Live;" Harrison Blackburn, the Southern buck and wing dancer and monologist, who is a screamer; George Barrett, stage manager, will book specialty people at all times; T. B. White, musical director; John Harris, proprietor.

The Exchange Garden Theater, at Jacksonville, Fla., under the management of Prof J. M. Robinson, is scoring big hits with the public with a number of high-class performers. Among these are Dan Robinson, Buddie Gleen, Old Reliable and Chink Floyd, James Hamilton, R. V. Cross, known as Poor Boy, Misses Henderson, Williams, Anderson, M. Payne and Augusta Mines. All are making good at each performance. Mr. Monroe Table, late of the Dixie Minstrels, was with us recently, and made the hit of the season singing "No One Knows." All send regards to all friends. We are packing them to the doors and the ghost walks promptly every week. Mr. John C. Weekly, high-class bartender and mixologist, in charge of the H. E. Lee saloon, will be pleased to see his many friends. Polite and attentive at all times. James W. Hamilton, silver baritone, Trice and Tabor, soprano and eccentric tenor, are here with the Exchange Theater, and making good every night, taking three and four encores nightly singing the latest out of to-day, Al H. Wilson's lullaby, "Just to Be With You," and "Down in New England." Under the congenial leadership of Prof. J. M. Robinson, they are storming the house at all times. Also Mr. James W. Hamilton is acting as our Southern booking agent for Southern vaudeville houses and plant shows, hoping to hear from all managers of the Southern cities in show business. Permanent address, 129 Bridge street.

BENLOW'S CHOCOLATE DROPS, PENSACOLA, FLA.

We are still in Pensacola, at the Belmont Street Theater. The show is making good. Roster: Happy Howe, Butler May, Kid Kelley, Billy Henderson, Dave Cross, Fredie Folks, Alberta Benbow, Minnie Jones, Stella Taylor, Beatrice Howe. Wm. Benbow sends regards to friends in and out of profession. Paul Carter, Tim Owsley, Billy Young, Speedie and John Lee, write.

PEKIN THEATER, LOUISVILLE, KY.

The show at the Pekin Theater this week is the best that has been seen this season. The farce comedy, "Joe Gans Returning from Goldfield," is a roaring success. Mr. Robert Clarke is the best comedy artist seen at the Pekin in a long time, and his song, "Silas Green from New Orleans," received many encores. Not like most burlesque prize fights, the fight between Robert Clarke and Rogers Cary was really a nice bit of comedy. Miss Waneta sang "MissCarolina," and was well received. Bud Levley sang in his usual way "I Can't See What You Are Waiting On," and was repeatedly encored. The conversation between Mr. Livley and Miss Waneta was splendidly done. The singing of Miss Zenoba Meyers stamps her as one of the coming comedy artists. The rest of the cast was far above the average, and crowded houses have been the rule at every performance. Manager Hendon made a "ten strike" when he secured the services of Stage Manager Rodgers Cary. Manager Cary will next week present his comedy, "Wednesday Afternoon Girls."

WANTED AT THE AIRDOME THEATER.

The South's greatest theater for colored people, 122 Swiss avenue, Dallas, Tex., opened on the 10th. Specialty people that can make good from one week to six weeks are wanted. State all in first letter. Send photos. Must be ladies and gentlemen on an doff the stage. Booze fighters, save your stamps, because we can't use you at any price. Mr. George Centers is stage manager, and wishes to hear from his many friends. Address all mail and photos to 122 Swiss avenue, Dallas, Tex. Malone & Dixon, proprietors.

PROUD OF THE FREEMAN.

LONDON, ENGLAND, March 21, 1909.

Mr. Wood Knox:

Dear Sir—We received the two FREEMANS you sent us, and thank you very much for sending the same, also for publishing our letter. We can see how the paper is growing each month, and you don't know how proud we are to receive such a paper, knowing that is is published by our people. I would like to have you send me a copy each week to London while I remain over here, and oblige,

GEORGE HORACE CARLISLE.
Of Carlisle and Baker.
186 Shaftesbury avenue.

ORGANIZING NEW MINSTRELS.

H. D. Collins, formerly of Voelckel & Nolan's Black Patti Troubadours and Dixie Minstrels, in writing The Freeman, says he is at present organizing, and will present the coming season, a brand new idea in colored minstrels, headed by two well-known comedians. Heretofore colored minstrels have been sadly neglected in their personal costumes and effects, besides being presented by half-breed, ill-dressed Negroes, picked up with the idea of separating the public from their money, giving no return, and incidentally hurting other shows. This attraction will be under the direction of H. D. Collins & Co., and conducted on purely business basis by people of experience, sparing no expense in securing the best, our motto being "Not how cheap, but how good."

HOWE'S GREAT LONDON SIDE SHOW.

Eugene Clark and Huldie Hicks are back again for the season. We have a brass band of ten pieces, under the leadership of E. M. Witte, of Kansas City, Mo. We opened the season at Atlanta, Ga., March 25, 26 and 27, to good business. Our orchestra is one of the best under the white top this season. It is composed of seven accomplished musicians, under the direction of David Turner. Tommy Stevens returned from Havana, Cuba, March 18, and is back again at his old job with the show. Kind regards to Royal, Gem and Amusement people of Memphis; also John Goodloe. John Young and wife send best regards to Jessie Reeves. Lunnie Ratcliffe would like to hear from Frank Perrman.

OPENING OF DIXIE PARK AT NEW ORLEANS.

The grand opening of Dixie Park, Easter Sunday, April 11, 1909, by Kenner & Lewis Amusement Company, presenting their latest musical comedy, "Prince Menelick," with the following artists: Kenner and Lewis, Abbie Pellebon, Myles and Johnson, Sweetie Matthews, Lelia Chancy, Mildred Kermon, Virginia Crawford, Sidney George, Joseph Reed, Midnight Bells Quartette, comprising Murry, Gray, Miles and Solomon. This company is composed of the best local talent in the city. Mr. Lew Kenner has always been the people's favorite for high-class comedy, and Prof. Albert Carroll is an able musical director. Kenner put the show on, and THE FREEMAN will be there to see it off, so we know you are the man.

CULLIGAN'S NASHVILLE STUDENTS.

We showed Fresno, week of March 22, to appreciative audiences. Black Patti showed the Barton Theater, Fresno, on the 25th, and the many performers of both shows had the opportunity of commingling and renewing their many acquaintances. Messrs. McDuff and Mitchell and wives were hosts at a Chinese supper, given in honor of Messrs. Tim Ousley and wife and Boosier and lady friend, and had the pleasure of again meeting Madam Patti. Mrs. Izetta Hutt joined our show in Fesno. Littleton McDuff, our band leader and interlocutor, is a second Billy Young, and fast improving. He is conceded to be one of the best elocutionists and linguists on the colored stage. He holds graduate and post-graduate diplomas. He sends regards to all friends. Permanent address, 1734 Linden street, Oakland, Cal.

DANDY DIXIE MINSTRLES.

We are back again into Mississippi State, and business is above the average. Our proprietor, Mr. J. J. Nolan, spent a few weeks with his happy bunch of merry makers. He was well pleased at the newly staged first part, and is engaging more performers to strengthen the show for the big city time. Mr. J. J. always leaves 'em smiling when he says good-by.

David D. Smith, a very clever comedian, joined us recently, and adds quite a bit to the merriment of the first part. Smith is taking three to four encores singing "He's My Affinity."

B. E. Edwards, a very high tenor, is doing nicely, and thinks it's time for some of the big musical comedies.

Monroe Tabor, the black "Al H. Wilson," closed with the show recently to work at the new colored theater at Jacksonville, Fla.

Charlie (Chick) Jones closed last week to go back to his happy hunting grounds at Richmond, Va.

Mrs. Kersands paid Billy a flying visit to Birmingham last week.

Artha L. Prince met many admirers at Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Richard Bradshaw has ordered a new set of traps.

Manzie Campbell uses more stciks than any other snare drummer in the business.

Alonzo Montgomery, the old-timer, is well pleased with his symphony (funny) orchestra.

Walter Lee is broke, as usual, and A. G. Jones is our car comedian. Next week we'll be down in Florida, where the "alligators bloom so fair." All is well.

WHY THERE ARE NO COLORED PLAYWRITERS.

BY JULI JONES.

The question, "Why the Negro Has No Play-writers," has taken up a lot of space in the different colored papers that publish theatrical news. The question was answered years ago. Some great philosopher wanted to know why some great canal constructor didn't build a canal across the Desert of Sahara. The answer was that the canal constructor would build the canal if the philosopher would furnish the water for the canal. The same answer fits the one-sided appeal for colored play-writers. If the different actors and critics will furnish talent and houses to produce the plays, they will find more plays than they can handle. But as matters now stand, it would be time and labor lost, as no one of the present-day stars would take the time to read it unless the writer prayed upon his knees that no one but them could make it go. Should the play have merit, with four or five stand-out parts, it would never see the light. The next serious problem is, could any of the present-day stars get a manager to furnish the necessary capital to produce a real farce comedy? No, no! Could such a show get the booking? Again, no, no! So why should any one waste his time writing plays that never will be used?

There is but one man that would put a dollar behind a real Negro farce company, and that is Robert T. Motts. He is one man with money that believes that the Negro should be encouraged.

In reviewing the subject there is one solution that the colored play-writers could put into practice, if carefully handled until he or she could attain a reputation. That would be to write a good farce or drama that would meet the demands of the present-day offering in the amusement world. To do this the writer would have to hide his identity, as color certainly cuts a figure, and send his manuscript to the managers, and not to the actors or actresses, as there is not one actor or actress in a thousand who can tell a good play after he has read it. Of course, there are exceptions, but very few; as to the colored stars, they are simply out of the question. They build their guns and manufacture their own powder.

There are one or two things of the past that are worth thinking over, and that might also interest the play-writer. In the late eighties a bright young play-writer presented his play to Augustus Daly, the great producer and manager, for a reading. While unrolling his neatly bound manuscript he felt it necessary to make some opening remarks about his play. He remarked that he had watched every action of Mr. Daly's wonderful star, John Drew, and that no one could play his play but Mr. Drew. He was also of the opinion that the world would rage over Mr. Drew after he had presented his play. He then began reading it very carefully. Mr. Daly gave him his undivided attention, a thing that Mr. Daly was always noted for, if he consented to hear a play read at all. After the young author had finished reading, Mr. Daly took the play and read it over carefully. After a long silence he remarked that it was a great piece of work for a youngster. It would do any one credit, but was very sorry that he could not use it, saying that it would be hard to get any one else to use it, either, since there was only one John Drew; that he could not afford to buy a play that could be played only by one man. For what would he do if something should happen to Mr. Drew? The piece would be absolutely of no use to him, and he advised the writer to write plays next time that any actor or actress could play, so as to allow the manager the privilege of finding his own star and cast.

This bit of information from such a man as Augustus Daly should be a hint to all of the young play-writers, and should encourage the ambitious young colored writers to write plays that any one can play, as it's losing time to try to write a play for S. H. Dudley, Cole and Johnson, Ernest Hogan, Williams and Walker, etc., as the writer would not have one chance in a thousand of having the above stars read it, let alone play it.

If one wants to know just what managers of colored shows think of colored actors doing the least bit of drama, you can judge by the following argument:

George Walker, of Williams and Walker, had an actor once in his cast that was doing just a little dramatic stunt. The manager came up to Mr. Walker cold turkey, and asked him to cut the man and part out of the show. Mr. Walker explained that he had engaged the man for the season and could not discharge him without a reason. The manager said, "Send the man home; I will send him his salary every week." Mr. Walker said no; that the man had rare ability and was doing his part better than any one in the cast; also that it was up to Williams and Walker to show the public that the Negro could do something else besides make a fool of himself and his race. Mr. Walker won his point after a bitter contest. But this just goes to show what the managers of Negro shows think of the Negro as an actor. Another incident shows what the managers and the public think of the Negro doing something out of the ordinary in a Negro show. In the scene in Cole and Johnson's "Shoo Fly Regiment," when the lieutenant asked for volunteers to take a dangerous fort, every man stepped forward and volunteered to sacrifice his life for his country; it was a question at every performance whether the audience would applaud or laugh. All this goes to show what chance a writer would have to write a play for colored actors. Those dramatic critic-actors who are appealing for colored play-writers should find the houses and players for the plays; the plays are ready.

ERNEST HOGAN'S HISTORICAL PAPERS.

Ernest Hogan, the well-known comedian, is publishing a sries of papers that will prove valuable to the stage people and exceedingly valuable to the stage critic and the chronicler of Negro history. It appears that the stage of all civilized races is counted in as a factor in the civilization, or an index in token of the progress from time to time. It will not be different with the colored people of America, who see what of praise or flattery comes to them must in the most part come from the lips or the pens of their own people. When the history of the progress of the race is written, as it will be in some form, the stage will be included, right alongside the pulpit, the school and whatsoever is Negro endeavor. Mr. Hogan is building better, perhaps, that he knows. He is due praise for drawing so liberally on his rich experiences, and authentic, since he has lived through and with much of what he presents. His future papers are anxiously awaited.

"THE IDLERS."

A four-act play by Hadden Chambers, Americanized by Marion Brooks, presented by the Pekin Stock Company at Pekin Theater, Chicago, week of March 29, 1909. Cast:

Mark Cross....................J. Ed Green
John Harding....................L. E. Chenault
Simon Strong....................Jerry Mills
Capt. Merryweather........Charles Gilpin
Bennett....................Harrison Steward
Mrs. Helen Harding..........Lottie Grady
Kate Merryweather..........Nettie Lewis
Mrs. Cross....................Pearl Brown
Mrs. Stanmore....................Mae White

The extensive vogue of the presentation of "The Idlers," by stock companies and otherwise, in this country has established its merits beyond question, and long since it has made its way to the shelf of standard modern melodrama, so an extended recapitulation of its merits at this time is not necessary.

The presentation at the Pekin was the same as it would be at any other stock house of similar attainments, no difference being made on account of color, only Americanized as to locale and names of characters. Well, I might add Harrison Steward was allowed to talk ad lib. because Mr. Chambers didn't know that Harrison had to have his say, or we South Siders would make a noise like a crimp in the box-office. The young comedian, however, was always in place, and never threatened to overdo.

The curtain discovers John Harding and wife, newlyweds, happy in the home. Harding has just gone into the next room, when Mark Cross, the man of leisure and admirer of Mrs. Harding, calls and declaims to Mrs. Harding the paroxysm of his love and resentment of her marrying some one else. Cross is on the point of leaving, when Mrs. Harding asks: "Won't you wait and meet my husband?" "No," was the reply, but at this psychological moment the husband appears (as husbands are in the habit of doing). A cordial greeting ensued. "You have met before?" the young wife asked. "No," was the hesitant reply from both, but we hear in undertones that they had met before in Texas. Years before John Harding, or Gentleman Jack, as he was at that time called, had killed a man and run away, and was now in grave peril, for Simon Strong, the brother of the murdered man, had sworn to revenge the death of his brother. When Simon Strong arrives (and he comes in a hurry), Mark Cross entrenches himself as "the man in the middle." When the wife hears Strong's declaration to prosecute, and demands to know the cause, her husband hasn't the heart to tell her, and leaves her alone with Cross. The insidious Mark takes full advantage of this opportunity to play his iniquitous hand, and while outwardly sympathetic, he relates the story of the murder as bluntly as he was capable of, and drops the tip that he alone can save him. Eager to save her husband at any cost, Mrs. Harding falls an easy victim to his craftiness. Cross, pretending to be led by her pleading, but really leading her, bargains to save her husband, providing she will agree to come to his (Cross's) room at 10 o'clock the following night prepared to "run away" with him. "You must have time to consider this," said Cross, "so I will expect your answer by the sign of your bouquet. If you drop it, it will mean yes. You will meet me and be prepared to go away with me, and your husband will be saved. If you fail to drop the bonquet, I will know that your husband must stand trial for murder." Helen drops the bouquet, and on the following night Cross secures a letter from Strong exonerating Harding of the murder. At the appointed hour Mrs. Harding arrives, and the letter is sent to her husband. Having gained her point, she begins to plead for her release, and has just gained her point and is about to make her departure, when her husband is heard entering. She hides, but the finding of her fan and other corollary incidents arouses his suspicions, and he demands an explanation from Cross. Things are rather exciting when she walks out, to be denounced by her husband in a jealous rage. Her husband is saved, and in the end they all understand.

Perhaps one was not convinced of the moral significence of its story, or its presumably impressive homily of "idleness," which may be the fault of the audience, but the play was interesting, and all agree that it is by far the best Pekin offering to date.

There were two important scenes that could have been strengthened, I risk the suggestion: The first meeting of Harding and Strong, and the dropping of the bouquet by Mrs. Harding. Both of these vital scenes would have been more intense if only the people concerned had been on the stage, as the others did not know what was going on, and were not concerned. Their presence only detracted from the intensity of the scenes. In the proportion that you bring inactive people on the stage, in the same proportion do you reduce the strength of your scene.

Mr. Green, in the stellar role, while he did not shine like a star—which was a good thing for the production—had his character well defined. With a definite poise, he never forgot he was Mark Cross. When others had the stage he displayed a varied resource of expression, at times giving an indication of dumb agony.

Mr. Chenault, as John Harding, had a more vivid opportunity to display different moods and emotions. In the third act perplexity, amazement, contempt, resentment and jealousy followed one upon the other. Mr. Chenault, though capable, often missed the gesture that would be the natural accompaniment. For example, when Cross, in the third act, draws a revolver and fires, his (Chenault's) expression indicates amazement and resentment, but he never even as much as raised his hand.

Mr. Mills won't quite do; is entirely too mannered, and never for once convinces that he was the brother of a murdered man seeking revenge. I tried so hard, too, but, as they would say in the gallery of a nickel show, "He ain't got 'em."

Miss Grady was not always convincing. There is no excuse for her smiling in some of her most serious scenes, but as a whole her acting is notable, sympathetic and full of the little pleasing graces of an attractive woman. Her emotional scenes are her best.

Irresistible Nettie Lewis, dainty and girlish, as Kate Merryweather, is not to be improved. I heard some one say, "Isn't she a dear jewel?" I answered, "She is that," and she is. The remainder of the cast had little to do.

This is the first dramatic effort of the Pekin Stock Company, and the production was really worth while.

IRVIN C. MILLER.

RAMBLING.

"Charity begins at home" is an oft-repeated assertion. Indianapolis, then, is the subject. Perhaps no one city has sent out so many well-equipped people for the professions, notably the stage. Ahong those who have been favorites for years is Jacob Fiddler. I mention Fiddler because he is one of older class in the profession rather than because he is the best exponent. This is no reflection on him, since he is making good, right in vaudeville, where he has to please all manner of audiences or resign his job. When last heard of he had not resigned. Fiddler was one of us—played with us, went with the girls; he gave no indication of what he was to be until he was quite a lad, but I guess the thing was in him. He was not precocious, nor did he stay at school any too long; he went, however, for quite a while. By and by he began to develop; did bits of character sketch work. And before we knew it, Fiddler was out in a minor show; it was the entering wedge.

Jake, as he is familiarly known, was one of the best-natured fellows that ever came along. He treated everything with a laugh. No one knew whether he was pleased or not. He was bent, consciously or unconsciously, on making friends. Old big-hearted Jake! No one grudges him his success.

He kept to his lines—a character artist. He found out, however, that he had to sort of rough it in the show business, so in recent years he took on singing, making a success of it. He would rather do Chinaman—and he does it well. He is a little overgrown at this time—would make one of the "Two Johns" without making up.

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Fiddler and Shelton recently appeared in vaudeville at one of the leading theaters of this city. The act, which was musical and character work, went big. R. Byron Shelton—"Ruby" sounds better in Indianapolis, where everybody knows him. He is the musical end of the Fiddler-Shelton proposition. He got his music in various ways; he was precocious, and had a predilection for the show business; he went to it as if he were ordained for it from the beginning. It was rather amusing to know of him arranging and transposing when the merest lad, without the known training expected before such things are done. But he did it. At least to the satisfaction of those concerned. He was seen in the small shows a while, where he graduated up to the big shows. Shelton was none too fond of the road; he tried to retire. That reminds me of the fact that Fiddler tried to retire more than one time, but could not stay retired. Shelton did what he could along his lines for several years, playing, conducting concerts, and so forth. Finally the call of his first love was too strong to go unheeded. He is genteel in manner, and will not have much difficulty in getting on, since he can deliver the goods. He has a splendid baritone voice, and looks the professor with his fine face and eyeglasses.

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I had the pleasure of chatting with Ernest Hogan in his dressing room between the acts. I had seen him with all the glamour of high lights and low lights as one of those great audiences that always greeted him. Now I was to see the man who made the people laugh. In other words, I was to see the "inside," as the small boy who must see what makes his watch run. One would think Hogan an unlettered man from the way he presents himself on the stage. He is a man of information, enjoys to some degree a liberal education; he is very different to many who have had occasion to take a drink with him. Hogan is gentlemanly, talks well, and is conscious of the fact that he talks well. He is able to make intelligent excursions into the most forms of general knowledge. As he talks along, one feels like taking off his hat to him from time to time in acknowledgment of what he is in contradistinction to what is generally thought of him. He talks music, knows music. He showed me a strange instrument that he carried with him, playing on it to show me that he was familiar with it. He, I think, said that it was an old English instrument; it looked very much like the accordeon, hexagonal or octagonal, and clavicle on top—full of keys. I saw him smear on the black grease paint. A slight tremor came over me; but he was used to it, slapping it on as if he liked it. I saw him coming off the stage with the stage laugh all over his face, bowing, rebowing, and then bowing again, and then saw the laugh go off almost terrifyingly suddenly as soon as he got out of the sight of the audience. Then I saw him wash the grime off, and "Richard was himself again." Then the great vacant building, where a few moments ago were heard peal after peal of laughter, in jocund mirth, was one vast pall—the violent contrast made the heart ache. Behind was the lifeless mechanism—grinning masques—reminder of the final day, when all shall have gone to their destinies.

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Speaking again of the Indianapolis talent, I notice that Hogan in his reminiscences mentions John Howard. Howard was the pioneer production of this city. He had his calling—it was theatrical. It was at a time when the colored people had "fine" notions about the theater and the theater business. Just why the older people thought so poorly of the stage gets clean past me. It won't be that way any more. I said at another time: "There ain't going to be any more old Negro people. In these days no one bows to years; we bow to affliction and death. So the theater-goers are mammas and daughters, papas and sons, and nothing is thought about it." In John Howard's days they did not think any too well of John for being a theater man. But he was the goods. The strain was in the family. His sisters were gifted elocutionists, one of whom is now well known in Indianapolis society; they call her by a name that sounds like "Maun." I can't say much about John's acting; nobody discussed it; no one was permitted to discuss it. It was the devil's work, and it was let alone. I used to watch him very much when he got home, because he was an actor man. He was doing something that the white people were doing, and I liked that. No, I wasn't contrary at all. I liked individuals of parts, and the reason I know it is because I remember them—almost only them. If John, many years ago, when I was a child, should step in the office and say, "Hello, Willie," I would say, "Hello, John Howard," without looking up to see his face. I see his face. I hear his voice as if it were yesterday.

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George Temple is another Indianapolis thespian of the old school; he, like Howard, felt that he was born to act. If he did anything much else, no one in these parts knows anything about it. Temple is somewhat of a Bohemian, seemingly. He enjoys the hurrah incident to the business. Apparently money was a secondary consideration. Temple wanted to act, wanted to follow his profession; if he could not sign with a big company, he would double up with some one, or go single; any way to be at his post. Then there's a moral, and really touching. Don't you see, some must do certain things that are fixed for them even as fate? Before Temple was born the genii or what not that disperses mankind into the occupations had decreed his disposition. This, at least, without doubt: there are determining agencies, influences, compelling this or that. Temple was sort of a roustabout in the profession, and simply because he was born too early. He served in that; he paved the way for those that were to follow. Education is proving a factor in shaping the actors for doing good work.

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Then, before bidding adieu to those who perchance may read these lines, attention to some of the gentler sex. Indianapolis is not distinguished greatly for the women sent forth into this phase of public life. A few, however, are of ability and of reputation, and of whom I shall speak at another time. Aida Overton Walker has been done over and over again, but she is a worthy subject. Her work gives the impression that she has no superiors—nor has she. Both she and her husband attended the same school, whatever it was. Her Anglo-Saxon, her English, is undefiled, limpid as a meandering mountain stream. It does not matter what she says, but how she says it—the voice, tone, inflection. One rejoices that he knows such a language. And must the colored people, after all, teach the white people the language that only came to them by adoption? Even educators speak of the stiff, rigid English that does not admit of that ravishing influence accorded some other languages. They will say Greek, Latin, French, German, anything rather than the English. Shakespeare knew how to use it; so did Byron, Keats, Shelley, George Eliot, Ouida, Poe, Whitman, Longfellow. Beautiful thought in beautiful words is the whole thing. If the other languages can do better than the thoughts and language of those individuals voiced by such persons as Aida Overton Walker, we should wipe ours out and take up the best among them. But right happily such exponents plainly tell us that there is an all sufficiency when none of the means are wanting.

As to her physical form void of artificial accessories, I don't know. Don't know that she ekes out nature. Perhaps I have no right to think of taking inventory, nor do I mean to. But of course it is possible to be a re-creation for stage purposes. And which suggests the favorite debate of ye olden time literary, "Which is the most beautiful, art or nature?" But that phase will no longer be pursued, since it may arouse suspicion. And besides, none of us are the wiser in either event. The long preamble leads up to the thought that Miss Walker is the superbest woman creature of the colored stage in toto. When this is said all the advance misgivings will be excused or pardoned. Those whom we think well of we take liberties with, but at the proper moment, who they a eris not forgotten.

SIWEL.

CUBS WIN OPENING GAME.

Defeat the Hoffman Blues Before a Large Crowd—Notes of Game.

BY JESSE PALMER.

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Special.—At the Louisville Cubs Park, Twenty-eighth and Garland streets, a crowd of 2,500 fans greeted the Cubs and Hoffman Blues, Sunday, April 4. The game had some brilliant plays and plenty of errors. The Hoffman Blues lack team work. The Cubs' inside and team work was almost perfect, and held the Hoffmans in check at all times. The feature of the game was the playing of Center Fielder Robinson. The showing of the Hoffman Blues was certainly a surprise, and with a little more of team work they would hold their own in first-class company. The score:

Cubs .....4 1 1 0 2 0 0 0 0—8
Blues .....1 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 0—3

Errors—Hoffmans, 9; Cubs, 5. Left on bases—Hoffmans, 8; Cubs, 4. Two-base hits—Briscoe, Booker. Three-base hits—Lola, Smith. Double play—Jones to Mayfield to Smith. Struck out—By Martin, 3; by West, 2; by Murphy, 2. Base on balls—Off Martin, 1. Hits—Off Martin, 3; off West, 5; off Falkner, 6. Time of game—2:05. Umpires—Nutter and Smith.

NOTES OF THE GAME.

Briscoe did not have a chance in left field.

Robinson played center as it should be played.

Smith, of the Hoffman Blues, carried off the batting honors.

Mayfield, of the Hoffman Blues, played a splendid game at second.

With a little coaching Pitcher Murphy would make a valuable man.

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One of the features of last Sunday's game was the good work of the umpires. Not a decision was questioned, which speaks well for the managers of both teams.

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A. B. C.'s—Merida, 2b; Todd, 3b; Talbott, rf; Herron, cf; Davis, ss; Shawler, lf; Griffin, p; Higbee, p; Board, 1b; Gordon, c; Prim, c.

"Taste Tells"—Dunn, c; Mason, p; Giffin, p; Tedrowe, p; Leslie, 1b; Cook, 2b; Powell, 3b; Spellman, ss; Dobbins, lf; Hughes, cf; Buchanan, rf.

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The Gossips Are Saying

That the National Afro-American Council is no more.

That Dr. W. D. Crum simply preferred to walk out, rather than be "fired out."

That the Hon. J. C. Napier, of Tennessee, is booked for "something good."

That Indiana is not to be overlooked when the "pie" is passed around.

That Howard University is to begin on her $50,000 Carnegie Library in May.

That the disfranchising amendment, to be voted on in Maryland this fall, will not pass.

That the "Black Cabinet" is still doing business at the old stand in the national capital.

That the average Negro is managing to keep from getting excited over the tariff question.

That industrial training is not to be discontinued at the Morris Brown College in Atlanta.

That John C. Dancy will remain on the pay roll of "Uncle Sam"—nevertheless and notwithstanding.

That the National Afro-American Press Association will be called to meet in Baltimore late this year.

That the Boston Guardian has moved again, because it finds it cheaper to skip out than to pay rent.

That Dr. John Harmon, a prime mover in Atlanta's recent Methodist Church row, has been "harmonized."

That the National Negro Fair at Mobile, Ala., is to be aided by a big appropriation at the hands of Congress.

That the business manager of the prosperous A. M. E. Zion Publishing House at Charlotte, N. C., is a "Bird."

That R. W. Thompson, Indiana's "original Taft advocate," is to be handsomely "recognized" at Washington.

That Editor W. H. Steward and Lawyer Albert S. White are conceded to be Kentucky's "national quantities."

That colored candidates for office should be keen-sighted enough to see inviting places not now held by Negroes.

That, despite all of the apparent disadvantages, the Negro's best opportunity for development lies in the Southland.

That the political spotlight flickers so that it is diffiult for the most ambitious amateur to remain long in its center.

That the Christian Recorder will be moved, bag andb aggage, to Nashville, where it should have gone long ago.

That the Southern Negro who works faithfully and attends to his own business in decency and in order is never lynched.

That Emmett J. Scott ought to be chairman of the commission named to investigate conditions in the Liberian Republic.

That President Taft will "make good" on the race question, if the Negroes just give him time to get around to their case.

That Rev. R. C. Ransom may become pastor of the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church when the term of Dr. J. H. Welch expires.

That Dr. A. M. Curtis will show the next meeting of the National Medical Association some new wrinkles in modern surgery.

That Assistant Superintendent Roscoe Conkling Bruce has brought order out of chaos in the public schools of Washington, D. C.

That State Librarian J. C. Gilmer, of West Virginia, is to be retained throughout the administration of Governor Glasscock.

That the bourbon South is not really pulling any wool over the keen eyes of President Taft—that diplomat of diplomats.

That colored visitors are warmly received by President Taft and Secretary F. W. Carpenter at the White House in Washington.

That Clarence Cameron White, the eminent violinist, is to play for King Edward VII at the conclusion of his studies in London.

That success awaits Grand Master W. L. Houston at the Chicago bar, as the partner of that seasoned veteran, Lawyer E. H. Morris.

That the Negroes of the North, East and West who furnish electoral votes are to have their innings under the Taft administration.

That Gilchrist Stewart ougt to be made a brevet colonel as a reward for his valuablet services in solving the Brownsville problem.

That Bishop George Wylie Clinton would make an admirable member of the Jeanes Fund Board of Trustees, in the even of a vacancy.

That the stockholders of the Negro Development and Exposition Company still have their beautifully engraved certificates—that's all.

That the effervescent Dr. E. W. Williston can have the post of Surgeon-in-Chief of Freedmen's Hospital at Washington for the asking.

That "H. R. M.'s" anonymous lucubrations on the Washington public schools running serially in the New York Age are extremely silly.

That Booker T. Washington had bigger crowds following his train in South Carolina than a presidential candition on a stumping tour.

That Texas will get the next State tour which Dr. Booker T. Washington makes in the South, with North Carolina well up on the waiting list.

That any would-be leader can get himself "mentioned" for most any old place now—for a small consideration to the festive press agent.

That the fellows who fought Taft for the nomination are more vociferous for official recognition than those who gave him the heartiest support.

That nobody seems to think it worth while to apply for the office of the Auditor for the Navy Department, now held by one Ralph W. Tyler, of Ohio.

That Lecturers Charles Stewart and D. Webster Davis, who look enough alike to be twin brothers, are to "double up" for a continental tour next season.

That Editor Roscoe Conkling Simmons has taken a contract to return the Hon. Joseph Benson Foraker to the United States Senate two years hence.

That Drs. F. G. Snelson, L. G. Jordan, Charles S. Morris, Albert S. White, J. Milton Turner or A. W. G. Sango would not refuse the Liberian mission.

That Ira T. Bryant, secretary of the A. M. E. Sunday-School Union, is getting better results than have been achieved by any previous incumbent of that office.

That Walter R. Farmer is an active member of the Bryanitic Niagara Movement, which supported the Democratic party as against Roosevelt and Taft.

That Miss Henrietta Vinton Davis, the talented elocutionist, may play a matrimonial engagement at the conclusion of her proposed tour of the Pacific Slope.

That T. Thomas Fortune's pen will never write with its pristine vigor and directness until he gets back on the editorial page of his first and only love—the New York Age.

That the Missionary Bishops sent by the A. M. E. Church to Africa are not finding the job a "cinch," and are said to be anxious for a transfer to work in this country.

That Giles B. Jackson has concluded that he will not try to tote the Negro Building of the Jamestown Exposition to Richmond until after the warm weather is over.

That Judge Robert H. Terrell is as happy over his new appointment as a boy with his first pair of red-top boots, and that his host of friends are as happy as he is.

That Louisville is making active preparations for the meeting of the National Negro Business League in August, and that the attendance will be a record-breaker.

That the Rev. Richard Carroll, of Columbia, one of South Carolina's tallest figures, is to shy his castor in the ring for a congressional nomination in his district next year.

That industrial schools on paper and orphanages that are invisible to the naked eye are not thriving in this day of financial Sherlock Holmeses, who watch where their money goes.

That the hosts of old-fashioned "take-care-of-the-sick-and-bury-the-dead" societies are giving away to organizations that buy land, build houses, and develop live business enterprises.

That the Republicans of the South will have to build up a bona fide party organization, instead of an office-holders' trust, if they expect to stand well with the present national administration.

That there will be fewer Negroes in the thirteenth census under the civil service competitive regulations than there were in the twelfth census, under the modified "spoils" system in vogue in 1900.

That the rigid examination required for entrance into the consular service effectually bars out every man, white or black, who is not a college graduate, a constitutional lawyer or a commercial expert.

That it will take a heap of mean talk from Ben Tillman to undo the splendid work done by Booker T. Washington looking to the promotion of an "era of good feeling" between the races in South Carolina.

That Lwyear Thomas L. Jones is the favorite of the bar of the District of Columbia for police judge—an officer whose patrons each day are two-thirds colored, and to whom justice should be tempered with mercy.

That the appropriation of $66,400 for the Western University at Quindaro, Kan., indicates that Register W. T. Vernon is not losing sight of any good things that can be brought into the net of his progressive school.

That Bishops Hood and Harris may be superannuated by the next General Conference of the A. M. E. Zion Church, and permitted to rest after their arduous and constructive labors for the uplift of humanity and their beloved connection.

That the resolution requiring the A. M. E. Missionary Bishops to remain for twelve years in the Dark Continent is not binding on Drs. Heard and Johnson, because the legislation was adopted after their election, and was not made retroactive in its effect.

That Rev. W. D. Chappelle, president of Allen University, at Columbia, S. C., is "in bad" with the right-thinking people of that community for his pig-headed refusal to allow his students to turn out and participate in the reception to Booker T. Washington, during "the Wizard's" recent visit to the Palmetto capital.

That Editor W. Calvin Chase, of the Washington Bee, wants to be Recorder of Deeds; ditto R. R. Horner, Nelson Crews, Whitfield McKinlay, Jesse Lawson, J. H. Lott, W. R. Farmer, John R. Marshall, W. H. Steward, H. T. Eubanks, W. H. Clifford, Henry Lincoln Johnson, and a lit of others we do not recall just now.

HON. H. T. EUBANKS,

Member Ohio Legislature, Cleveland District.

Hon. H. T. Eubanks is a members of the present General Assembly of Ohio and a product of the Bourbon State of Kentucky, having been born there in 1858. He went to Cleveland in 1882 and has been active in politics for a quarter of century.

At the request of Mark Hanna he was nominated and elected to the legislature in 1903, was nominated and elected again in 1908. In 1904 was instrumental in securing an appropriation for Wilberforce University of $100,000, the largest amount ever appropriated for a colored institution at one time by any state in the Union. In the present legislature succeeded in putting Wilberforce on the list with other state colleges, so that Wilberforce could benefit by the Carnegie Foundation Fund, which is set aside for worthy retiring teachers.

HON H. T. EUBANKS

In the General Assembly of 1904 voted for Mark Hanna for U. S. Senator, the same year voted for Charles Dick for U. S. Senator, in 1909 in the General Assembly voted for T. E. Burton for U. S. Senator. This probably breaks the record for all colored representatives as to voting for U. S. Senators.

Mr. Eubanks consented to become a candidate for Recorder of Deeds, after the earnest solicitation on the part of a great many influential men throughout the state, the colored people believing that he is in a better position than any other colored man of the state, are uniting on him as their candidate, and as the position has never been given to Ohio they feel that this is an opportune time to place their claim and make the fight.

BISHOP CLINTON'S GUESTS.

Dr. Booker T. Washington and Party Tendered Grand Reception En Route to South Carolina at Elmhurst Manse.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., March 25.—Dr. Booker T. Washington, facetiously known as the "Wizard of Tuskegee," and recognized by all as the foremost Negro in America, and for that matter in the world, stopped over here on his way to South Carolina, where he was to make a tour of that state to study the industrial and educational status of the Negro people. He was tendered a grand reception Saturday night at Elmhurst Manse, the beautiful Episcopal residence of Bishop and Mrs. George Wylie Clinton.

The house was handsomely decorated for the occasion and many of the leading citizens of the thriving place came to pay their respects to the distinguished guest. A dainty luncheon was served by Mrs. Clinton, the accomplished hostess, and Dr. Washington made a brief but highly felicitous address, in which he expressed gratification on meeting the colored people of the city, this being his first time in Charlotte, although he had passed through a number of times and had been most favorably impressed with its evidences of growth and development. He could see signs of progress made by the Negroes in all parts of the city, and was much pleased with their modern churches, comfortable homes and well-equipped schools. He told his hearers not to be discouraged, that the Negro had more friends than enemies among the white people of the South and that we should pay more attention to the things they were trying to do for us than to the things our enemies are trying to do against us. He urged them to secure property, master trades go into business and endeavor to excel in the professions. He thought friction was good sometimes, as opposition brought out the sturdy, determined character of a people and made them eager to achieve big results.

Rev. P. S. Lewis, pastor of the First Baptist Church, responded to the address and gave some interesting statistics touching the material condition of the colored citizens of Charlotte. Remarks were made by Mrs. Marie L. Clay-Clinton, wife of the Bishop, extending welcome to Dr. Washington and those of this party who were present. Mr. Emmett J. Scott, private secretary to the eminent Tuskegeean, delivered a happy address, expressing the thanks of the visitors for the lavish hospitality dispensed by Bishop and Mrs. Clinton, and Mr. J. H. Washington also made remarks of an appropriate nature. Early Sunday morning the party left for Rock Hill, the first stopping place in the South Carolina itinerary.

On the return from the week's stay in the Palmetto State, Bishop Clinton, who accompanied the party, had for his guests Mr. R. W. Thompson, of Washington, D. C., manager of "Thompson's National News Bureau," and Mr. Charles Stewart, the only colored representative of the Associated Press, both of whom took care of the publicity department of the memorable tour.

Bishop Clinton's home is the finest owned by a colored man in the city of Charlotte, and is easily one of the finest residences in the entire city, regardless of race. It is two stories in height and has a large attic, with attractive gable windows. The roof is slate, and the architecture is an artistic combination of the colonial with the best modern type of home construction. A veranda surrounds three sides of the house, supported by massive columns, and the interior is finished with Flemish oak. The color scheme is alive green, ashes of roses, old gold and white, distributed through the various rooms with exquisite taste. The rooms are large and well lighted. The reception hall, the drawing room, music room, dining room and library are models of beauty and convenience, and four of them can be thrown into one on state occasions, making the home adaptable to social functions of the most elaborate character. There are two commodious bath rooms with porcelain tubs and washstands, an dthe plumbing is of the best quality. A steam-heating plant is to be installed at an early date. A carriage house, reached by a macadam driveway, a well-stocked poultry yard, a springhtly-looking garden, abounding in spring vegetables and a lawn set with choice flowers constitute the exterior surroundings. The structure stands majestically on a corner, facing North Myers and Eighth streets and can be seen many blocks away. Bishop Clinton's property holdings in Charlotte, including Elmhurst Manse, several tenements and a number of unimproved lots, are estimated to be worth upwards of $15,000. Bishop Clinton is generous to a fault, giving freely to deserving causes, subscribing for many newspapers and magazines, is a member of several beneficial fraternities and has substantially aided a dozen or more promising young men and women in securing their education at Livingstone College and other schools.

On the evening of the 29th Bishop Clinton will celebrate the 50th anniversary of his birth. Hundreds of invitaations have been sent to friends in various parts of the country, and the occasion bids fair to be the most notable social event that has ever taken place among the raee in the State of North Carolina.

GREENVILLE, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The K. of P. had their annual sermon at New Hope Baptist Church on the 28th, preached by Rev. McDade, the C. M. E. Methodist pastor. tI was one of the grandest sermons ever heard in Greenville by the K. of P. and Court of Calanthe. The orations delivered by Messrs. C. C. Lawson and G. O. O'Neal, Mrs. A. Fisher and A. D. Chisolm were splendid and will be long remembered. Dr. N. J. Adkinson was master of ceremonies...Mrs. A. B. Culberson, Mrs. Ella Hampton, W. S. Wright are convalescent...Mr. Tom Pratt is very low at this writing...Mr. W. M. McDaniel has had his house raised, which is quiet an improvement in looks...Mr. Grisson is remodeling his home...Prof. T. W. Pratt has bought the beautiful lot of A. P. Thomas on E. Morris street and has made preparations to move his house on it. ...W. J. Cobb, of Wolf City, lectured at the C. M. E. Church Friday night, which was very grand...Mr. Jessie Spencer, the popular porter of the Beckhan Hotel, was off from duty a few days on account of illness...Mr. Robert Saynes, the popular compress cotton tier, was away from his work a few days last week on account illness...Mr. Louie Turner, of Sedalia, Mo., is able to be about again...The brother of Mr. Marvin Turner was laid to rest in Avinger, Tex...Rev. G. W. Hill has accepted the second call of New Hope Baptist Church...Rev. McDade has started his revival at the C. M. E. Church...Rev. Bilbrew will begin his revival next week. ...T. M. Holliway and his baseball nine are in Fort oWrth for a three days' battle.

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SPORTING GOSSIP of the WEEK.

SCRAPS FROM THE SPORTING WORLD

By HARRY W. JACKSON.

"Oh, you Jack Johnson!"

A captain in name does not always name a captain in fact.

The Louisville Giants are expected to play in this city during the season.

A Sunday baseball bill passed the House in the Minnesota Legislature last week.

The American Association believes the Indianapolis Sunday schedule will remain as arranged.

Indianapolis lost its first exhibition game to Philadelphia by a score of 4 to 3, but won the second, 4 to 1.

Miss Mary Hansen, of the Iowa City high school, holds the high-jump record among girl athletes—4 feet 9 inches.

The fellow who makes a home run does more for his team than the fellow who boasts on how hard he can slam the sphere.

It is just as hard to find an umpire with good judgment as it is to find a player with the same ability; neither can be found on the street.

Ricahrd Jackson, captain of the Quicksteps baseball team, of Paris, Ky., has reorganized the team for the season, and it is open to all comers.

The A. B. C.'s and the T. T.'s will clash to-morrow in a double-header at Northwestern baseball park. This will be the first of the games to be played at the park.

Battling Nelson, lightweight champion of the world, has an offer to fight Paddy King, the Australian lightweight champion. Nelson has been offered $10,000, win, lose or draw.

Mrs. Jack Johnson has become about as widely known as her husband by the assertion that she is a white woman. Johnson's forfeit for a proof that his better half is a member of the white race seems to be a "husher."

The Boston A. A. Club has put the ban on Packey McFarland. The Chicagoan knocked down Referee Sheehan when the latter called a fight between Packey and Dave Deshler a draw. Harry Gilmore, manager of the Windy City lad, apologized for the actions of his fighter, which was accepted, but—

Before Jack Johnson arrived in this country it was all Jim Jeffries. Now Jack is here, the wind is blowing another way. When Burns comes marching home (of course, not now, but just as soon as those court-plasters can be removed), things will make a second change. Every dog has his day.

If Jeffries refuses to fight Johnson, the champion will take on Corbett if he is in earnest about his challenge. Corbett says that the supremacy of the heavyweight division must be returned to the whites. Jim's press dope, like that of Jeffries, is only to add to his tage prestige. The two Jims are both coining the "mon" before the footlights, and neither is in a hurry to meet the champion of champs.

The Indianapolis team of 1908, which won the pennant of the American Association of that year, created favorable comment throughout the circuit on its manly conduct. When disputes arose between the Hoosiers and their opponents, they were not settled by the whole team, but each member held his respective position, and Manager Carr represented the local team to its best advantage. This prevented rowdyism among the players and even among the fans. It is quite noticeable and at times annoying at some semi-professional and amateur games, especially, when disputes arise. Some players are exceedingly unsportsmanlike in times of disagreements, which often lead up to the fans becoming a little unthoughtful. What managers should do is to regard the fact that the fans have no kick on a manly team. Manager Carr would send his own men off the field for taking part in an argument, even if it be the strongest of the team. Even if the team you play doesn't regard the rules of sportsmanship, it is no excuse for you to forget yourself. A player should not lose his head, regard those who are in the position to dictate to him as having that right, play winning ball, but above all be a gentleman, a thing which is not an impossibility.

DIAMOND DUST FROM DALLAS.

Play ball!

Will the Lelands take all three games here?

The public expects a clean game this season.

Classy teams will get patronage, so its up to the managers to put forth their best efforts to obtain good players.

Greenville, Austin, Fort Worth, Houston, San Antonio and Dallas will have several semi-professional teams.

The fans of Dallas, Texts, are anxious to see the Leland Giants, the world's colored champions, in action. The Giants are scheduled to play there April 24, 25, and 26, as well as playing at Fort Worth, Waco, Temple and Marshall, Texas. Before the Chicagoans leave for home the fans of the big State will see some great ball playing.

TO SAIL FOR LONDON.

Sam Langword to Leave for England —Will Fight Before N. S. C.

NEW YORK.—Sam Langford will sail for London on April 21 to meet any man the National Sporting Club may select to appear against him.

Jack Johnson signed to meet the Boston fighter before he wentto Sydney for the Burns battle, but he has since repudiated the contract, saying that he can make more money by staying in this country.

Langford met the National Sporting Club's representative yesterday and put his signature to the articles of agreement signed by Sam Fitzpatrick, Johnson's former manager.

PAYS FINE OF $200.

Jack Johnson Convicted of Charge Put Against Him by Girl.

NEW YORK.—Jack Johnson, the world's champion heavyweight pugilist, appeared in court to answer a charge preferred against him nearly two years ago here by Aimee Douglas, a colored girl. Before Johnson's appearance in court Joseph Netherlan, a negro porter, was arrested, charged with attempting to bribe Miss Douglas to stay away from court. Netherlan said that he was a friend of Johnson, but that the fighter knew nothing about his alleged effort to bribe the girl.

After a hearing, Johnson was convicted, and a fine of $200 was imposed, which he paid.

Netherlan was arraigned before a magistrate later on the charge of attempting to bribe a witness. He declared that he made no offer to Aimee Douglas, and that he never had $50 in his life. He was held in $1,000 bail to await the action of the grand jury.

LOUISVILLE GIANTS PLAY.

Open Season Tomorrow Afternoon—Have a Lot of New Material.

LOUISVILLE.—Special.—The Louisville Giants expect to maintain the record this season that they held last year as being the champions of the South. They play their first game of the season to-morrow.

Manager Lancaster has secured the following new players: James Emery, Louisville, right field; Bert Wood, Danville, Ill., center field; Ronie Walton, Memphis, Tenn., left field; Dallas Carter, Pittsburg, Pa., third base; John Puegh, Memphis, Tenn., shortstop; George Brown, Paducah, Ky., second base; Edward James, Souston, Texas, first base; Willie Williams, Cairo, Ill., pitcher; Hale, Paducah, Ky., pitcher; Tom Means, Indianapolis, Ind., pitcher; Clarence Coleman, catcher and captain; James Shawler, first base, and Claud Sheets, catcher.

CHANGE IN FOOTBALL RULES.

Field Goals to Count Three Points—Change Relating to Penalties—Other Changes Made.

NEW YORK.—An important change in the football rules was made by the intercollegiate football rules committee, in the reduction of points for a goal from the field from four to three. The object of this change, it is said, was to prevent two goals from the field counting more than a hard won touchdown and goal.

Commenting on this change, members of the committee said that it would reduce the importance on teams of star field goal kickers. Another change of importance was one designed to prevent confusion in inflicting penalties, when two penalties had been incurred by one team for the same play, by giving the offending team the option of saying which penalty shall be imposed.

A change was made in the rules relating to a touchback, so as to relieve some of the hardships of the team down under its own goal, especially when it has been forced there otherwise than by rushing. The new rule gives the team making the touchback two rushes before the kick, while the old rule only provided the option of kicking out or keeping the ball for a scrimmage on the line.

A rule was adopted that when a center feints or makes a fake attempt to pass the ball, his team shall be penalized five yards.

Another change relating to the enforcement of penalties makes the rules provide that no penalty can be imposed to carry the ball over the line, either for a touchdown or a safety. It was also provided that hereafter play must immediately stop when the referee blows his whistle for a foul. There was some confusion last year in this respect, due to the fact that play was continued after the whistle was blown.

No change of moment in the rules relating to the forward pass was made, but the rule was clarified in one feature, so as to provide that the ends who are more than one foot behind the scrimmage line shall be out of play and cannot handle the ball. Heretofore the rule confused the referees in providing that the ends had to be more than a foot but less than a yard behind the line, and the rule now makes the dead zone more definite. Heretofore the rules have contained no diagram of the positions of the various players, and this would be remedied by its inclusion hereafter.

An official committee on the interpretation of disputes was appointed to serve through the next season. This is a new committee, and its members are Walter Camp, of Yale, chairman; R. E. Hall, Paul Dashiel and W. S. Langford.

Crawford Blagden, of Harvard, and Parke H. Davis, of Princeton, were appointed on the central board of officials in place of J. B. Fine, of Princeton, and B. C. W. Savage, of Oberlin. resigned.

WHEN THE LEAGUES OPEN RESPECTIVE SEASONS.

Leagues.	Opening Date.
National League	April 14
American Leagu..e	April 12
Eastern League	April 14
American Association	April 14
Southern League	April 15
Pacific Coast League	March 30
Western League	April 29
New England League	April 23
Northwestern League	April 17
Tri-State League	April 28
Connecticut League	April 23
Atlantic League	May 20
Virginia League	April 22
Three-I League	May 6
Central Association	May 4
South Atlantic League	April 15
Cotton States League	April 22
Southern Michigan League	May 11
Wisconsin-Illinois League	May 6
Wisconsin-Minnesota League	May 13
Carolina Association	April 22
Central Kansas League	June 14
Eastern Association	May 25
Illinois-Missouri League	May 11

JOHNSON IN NEW YORK.

Big Champion Greeted on Arrival with Much Enthusiasm.

NEW YORK.—Special.—Jack Johnson was royally greeted on his arrival at New York City, Monday of last week. He was met at the Grand Central Depot by a throng of people, most all of whom were colored, through which the heavyweight champion found it almost impossible to get to an automobile which was decorated and which stood at the curb in readiness for a long parade, which took place immediately after Johnson's arrival. As usual, he was the recipient of many questions.

Johnson said that he had been misquoted while he was in Austrlia. About James Jeffries he said:

"Of course, I want to fight him. I want to fight him because I think I can lick him, and there'll be a lot of money in sight. I ain't barring any man in the world, but the one I mostly want is Jeffries, because there'll be a lot of money in that fight. You understand, I ain't mean or ugly about this Jeffries thing. I want to fight him as a business matter. Otherwise I—well, you know, I kind of like him. He's a fine big fellow. My money is posted for a $10,000 side bet, and it's up to him. I tell you on the square, if I don't hear from him, I might let the whole thing slide. I don't want to be following a man around an' botherin' him when he's gettin' the money, you understand.

"An' I'll tell you one thing mo'. If I fight him an' he whips me, Jack Johnson is going to be the first man to shake his hand when it's over. I'd know then that he was a better man than me. I'd have done the same thing with Tommy Burns, mean as he treated me. My gracious, there is surely one mean man! He used language to me I wouldn't repeat. An' I was fighting him as nice an' careful as I could. Never let go with a punch that could be called a foul. His best friend was refereein', you understand.

"What am I goin' to do? Don't know till I see Casey. He knows. Ought to see this chile over on the other side. Sit down in one of them swell cafes an' put a big black seegar in my face—you know I never smoke nothin'—but I'd just put it over in one corner of ma mouth an' let it go to sleep. Could have got twenty thousand bones for fightin' McVey in Paris. I offered him eight thousand for his losin' end, but he said he was too strong over there to risk it."

A BASEBALL NOVELTY.

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ELLISVILLE, MISS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. D. Heslip has been on the sick list. ....Home Mission Missionary Mrs. G. B. Johnson was here last Sunday, and met the sisters' Home Missionary Society Monday....Miss Evalene Davidson is out of school on account of sickness....Miss Ina Shanks, after visiting her aunt in Kansas City, is back in school again....The Knights of Pythias had their annual sermon preached last Sunday by Rev. Goodwin. Everything was intelligently carried out....Melrose public school, near here, closed down a very successful session last Friday with an interesting program, rendered by students. Miss Martha Crosby, the teacher, deserves much credit....Miss Mary Crosby has closed her school and is at home....Miss Ruth McCanty has closed her school at Eastabuchie, and is now home once more....Our school is progressing nicely. One thing most damaging is irregularity in school.

JACKSONVILLE, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Wednesday Art Club gave a delightful box social Friday evening at the residence of Mrs. Edward Mallory. Quite a neat sum was realized. Mrs. Eva Monroe of Springfield, was the guest of honor. ...Austin Carter left recently for Chicago, Ill. He was called there by the board. ...The Domestic Social Club met recently with Mrs. Hattie Mosely on Koskiokia street and was royally entertained...Mrs. Emma Odgen, of S. Ebey street, received word recently of the serious illness of her sister in Quincy, Ill. She left to be at her bedside...Mrs. John R. Robinson, of S. West street, is on the sick list this week...Mrs. Martha Wilson is able to be about after a serious illness...Mrs. D. D. Thomas is on the sick list this week... Mrs. Samuel McCalister, of Marion street, has ben sriously ill, but is som better... The Friday Art Club met recently with Mrs. Ella Coen, on S. Fayette street, and was royally entertained...Mrs. Charles Reed, of Anna street, was a Peoria visitor recently...Frank Taylor is still very ill...Mrs. John Easley is now living on Goltra avenue...Mr. James Redding left recently for LaMo on account of the serious illness of his wife...Rev. E. M. Harlis preached an able sermon March 28. His subject was the Death, Funeral and Burial of Moses"...Mrs. Sophia Ward, of S. Ebey street, had the misfortune recently to fall and injure herself very bad. Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Watson, of St. Davis, Mo., were visitors in our city recently...Miss Burla Mason has a position now at J. Herman's millinery store...Miss Helen Haithman, of S. Prairie street, is on the sick list this week...Mr. Marvin Jones was called recently to St. Louis on account of the serious illness of his brother, Isaac Jones....Mrs. Geneva Brown died recently at her home, 324 Madison street. The funeral services were held at the Mt. Emery Baptist Church and were largely attended. The funeral services were in charge of Rev. J. W. Kirk, assisted by Rev. Mason. She was born in this city March 10, 1890. She was married August 24, 1907, to Arthur Brown, a teamster, and is survived by him, her father, step-mother, four brothers and one sister. The many flowers were beautiful. Interment was in East Cemetery.

BOONVILLE, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Davis, of Newburg, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Bronston last Sunday...Mr. Ural Reed, of Evansville, was here last wek...Mrs. Jackson, of Arlington, Ky., spent last Sunday in this city...Go. Martin was in Evansville Sunday...Mr. Ben Simmons is on the sick list...Rev. Gold, of Evansville was in Boonville Sunday...An attempt is being made to organize a K. of P. lodge. Meetings for this purpose are being held at the M. E. Church on Tuesday nights...The Bible Class and Ladies' Aid raised $23.60 in a rally at the Baptist Church Sunday...Mrs. Louis Martin has returned from Springfield, Ill...The boys have organized a ball team and has named themselves the Boonville Giants. Geo. Brown, manager; Joseph Jones, captain. ...A program will be rendered at the Baptist Church Sunday evening.

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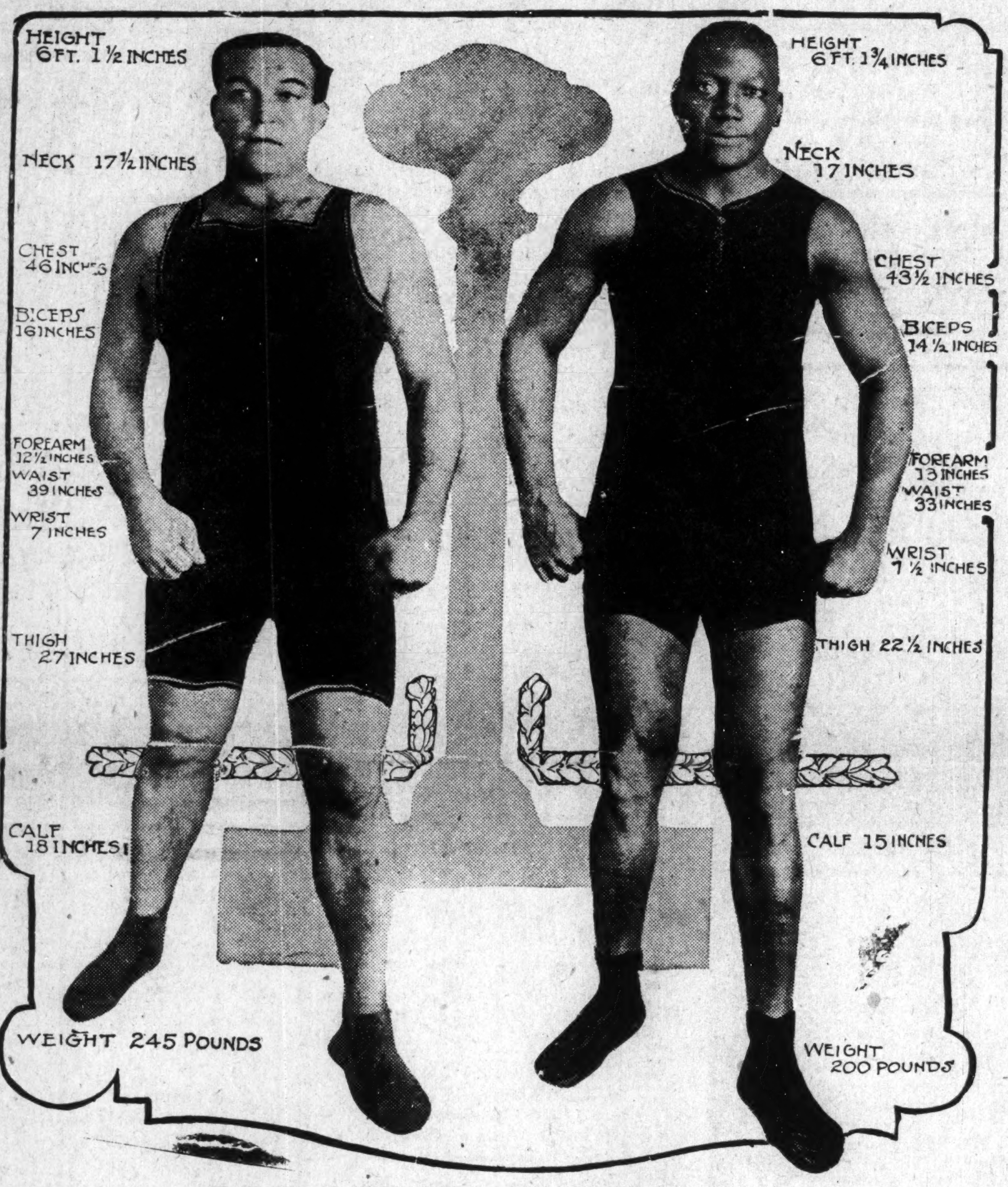

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CITY AND SOCIETY.

Marion Shelton is visiting her grandparents at Franklin.

Mr. Irvin Sly, of French Lick Springs, Ind., was in the city recently.

Mr. James Lawson, of Louisville, Ky., is in the city for a short stay.

The Woman's Improvement Club will meet next Thursday with Mrs. Rose Hummons.

Mrs. Essie Thornton was called to Chicago last week on account of the death of an aunt.

Mr. Frank Burgess, of Evansville, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Cable last Sunday.

Sidney Kirk, of Quincy, Ill., will be home to visit his mother, Mrs. Martha Miliam, April 14th.

The Woman's Club will meet Monday afternoon with Mrs. Belle Davis, 919 North West street.

The East End Needle Club met yesterday with Mrs. Gertrude Jackson, 629 West North street.

Rev. B. F. Farrell, pastor of Mt. Parran Baptist Church, spent several days at St. Louis this week.

Mrs. Mamie Huffman is spending the week with her husband, Prof. W. H. Huffman, at St. Louis.

Miss Mittie Bolden, of North Missouri street, president of the Junior Epworth League, is ill at her home.

Mesdames Belle Davis and Lena Stone will return to-day from Mobile, Ala., where they have spent the winter.

Miss Amanda Dehazen left Monday for Michigan, after spending the winter with her sister, Mrs. G. W. Martin.

Prof. James G. Brown, of Berea College, is the guest of Mrs. R. L. Booth and family, in West Vermont street.

Mr. W. H. Smith, well known in the profession, was in the city last week, en route from Cincinnati to Chicago.

Mrs. Mary Lawson has returned from spending the winter at Hartford, Conn., with her son, Prof. Augustus Lawson.

Each participant on the Summer League Minstrel program is a star. Don't fail to see them Monday at Tomlinson Hall.

Frank Goines, a well-known hotel man, has gone to the City Hospital for treatment. He has a complication of ailments.

Mrs. Ada Higgins and Mr. John D. Morris, the well-known barber, were married Thursday at their intended home in Fayette street.

Dr. J. H. Ward will address the Metropolitan Literary and Historical Society at the Mentropolitan Baptist Church Wednesday night.

John B. Robinson, secretary of the Lexington Conference, went from here to Greenfield to attend the Northern Indiana Conference.

Mrs. Anna Hudson Wilson and Everett Bailey, who have been attending Meharry Medical School at Nashville, Tenn., have returned to the city.

There will be a special musical program Easter at Shiloh Baptist Church, at 4 p. m., given by the Choral Club of the Y. C. W. P. A. All are welcome.

Mrs. Maude Beatty, accompanied by her little daughter Ellen Jacquis, attended the funeral of her cousin, Walter Burden, at Richmond, Ind., last Monday.

George W. Chevis was in the city Wednesday en route to his home at Los Angeles from New York and other points East, where he has been on business.

The Woman's Improvement Club is holding an Easter sale to-day of home-made cake and potted flowers at the millinery store of Mrs. Susie Anderson, in Indiana avenue.

The Young Women's Guild of the Second Christian Church are serving luncheon and having a sale of home cooking at the Eureak drug store to-day, at Indiana avenue and California street.

The Research Club met Thursday with Mrs. Eva Stokes, 515 West Thirteenth street. Mrs. Stokes read a paper, subject, "Art and Literature of Scotland." Mrs. A. C. Clayborn read a paper on current topics.

Mrs. Susie Cassman, well known in this city, but who has ben a resident of St. Paul for some years, died at Chicago last week. She was a sister of Mrs. Julia Turner, formerly of this city, who now resides at Peru.

The Red Moon Whist Club entertained at the residence of Miss Mary Brooks in Camp street. Prize winners were Miss Brooks, piece of cut glass; Miss Jessie Samuel, piece of Havilan china; Mr. Merriweather, deck of cards.

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The Frau Fraus, one of the leading social clubs among the young married women of the city, has issued invitations to its fourth annual hop, to be held at Masonic Temple, Friday evening, April 23. The club has become noted for the excellence of its entertainments, and its guests may depend open an enjoyable evening.

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HAS WITHDRAWN FROM STATE CONVENTION.

After mature deliberation and a thorough canvass of the membership, Charity No. 1, the oldest of the several lodges of that name in the State, at a meeting held last Thursday evening, decided to withdraw from the State Convention.

WAIT—Meet me at Tomlinson Hall Monday evening and attend the Summer League Minstrels.

SHRINERS' BANQUET.

A banquet was given at Tomlinson Hall Wednesday evening by the members of the order of the Persian Nobles, Mystic Shrine. A seven-course menu was interspersed by toasts. S. E. Gray was toastmaster. Two hundred and fifty guests were seated at the table. The exercises began at 9 o'clock, and lasted until 11. The company was confined to members and their friends. There was no dancing.

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The Eureka Pleasure Club will give a ball Easter Monday night at Masonic Hall. Music will be furnished by Russell Smith's celebrated orchestra. Each ticket entitles the holder to a chance on a $15.00 silver set. There will aso be a prize waltz. The officers are Clifford Cam, president; Bob Evans, vice president; Harry Towsend, secretary; William Butler treasurer; Chas. S. Brown, floor manager.

"HIAWATHA."

As the rehearsals proceed for the presentation of "Hiawatha," the real artistic beauty of the drama is brought out. The drama, which will be given in pantomime, will be in the hands of a capable cast, who are working hard to produce the very best effect. The play will be given at Caleb Mills Hall, Thursday evening, April 29. The entertainment promises to be a society event, and the Woman's Improvement Club, under whose auspices the play is being given, are already having applications for tickets, which will be placed on sale early in the coming week. Mrs. Lillian Brown, president of the club, is the promoter of the entertainment, and will read the lines as the play progresses.

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Indianapolis had been the home of Venable most of his life. He was prominent among the colored people of the city, taking an active interest in the Knights of Pythias Lodge and the Sumner League. Among his white acquaintances he was noted for his extreme politeness, and he was known among all his friends as a young man of good moral character. He is survived by his wife. His funeral was held Tuesday, from Mt. Parran Baptist Church.

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Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The confidential talks given at the Colored Y. M. C. A. on Sunday afternoons are proving a big success. Last Sunday every seat was taken, and the talk given by Dr. J. H. Ward was enjoyed by all. Next Sunday Dr. H. L. Hummons will be the speaker. His subject will be "Syphilis," the greatest plague the world has ever known. These meetings begin at 3:30 p. m., and are for men over sixteen years of age. No person under that age will be admitted. Music by the Colored Y. M. C. A. Orchestra.

The Literary Club will hold a Dunbar night next Tuesday. Special program. All men are invited.

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